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We bid adieu to another M. P. News editor as Robert McVay goes to work in I.D.

Mr. McVay, it has been interesting, to say the least, reading your articles. I hope I can fill your shoes sufficiently. Thank you for your fine work.

I will do all my apologizing in this editorial and from here on out anything you may read will be someone else's responsibility.

All articles appearing in this magazine will not necessarily reflect my opinions, and the only reason any that are contradictory to my opinions will appear is to please more of the people more of the time. If you find an article that displeases you, turn the page and try another, or read the one you are against and write another to refute it. I will print all of the articles presented to me, although they shall be modified as is necessary to appear in a publication such as this. No pornographic literature will appear, as such, and no strongly controversial articles will be presented unless it is specifically stated in them that they are not our own opinions.

At twenty-three, I have, as it is said, "a lot to learn" and, therefore, I will not try to influence others in my articles with my philosophy. If I make an opinionated statement, don't be angered; just consider that an individual drop does not constitute a rain storm, and even if it did you need not go out and get all wet!

The jokes will be put in for humor only. If you see something like: "Daffy-Nishuns, Twins--Concentration," just laugh! Humor, and nothing else, is intended.

Music will be discussed monthly, and I only like violin pieces. If you like jazz there will be articles on jazz from time to time, but also on Pop, Country & Western, Classics, and anything else some fluent pen happens to dwell upon. If you want to say something interesting about music (I don't consider it interesting when someone sets down the names of 7,000 questionable musicians and ejaculates, "They swing!") feel free to do so. Mood music is different things to different people. If you can take a trip diggin' the Beatles, tell us about it!

I'll talk to the Chaplains, Catholic and Protestant, and try to get a monthly Chaplain's Corner in the paper. I am an atheist, quite staunch as a matter of fact, but there are about 194,000,000 other Americans who happen to believe, so we will try to please some of them.

Education will also find a monthly spot in the magazine. Not that anyone in here needs it, but I have heard various educators come off with pretty interesting stuff now and then. We can air some of their opinions and, I am sure, learn something.

I will attempt to present some of the squawks of the population to the administration. If you present an item that you know will be censored out of the publication, don't blame me. All I can do is type up the articles; I cannot approve them. If you have a personal problem with someone in here, it would be appreciated if you do not bother to write it up and expect it to be put in the paper. I don't feel that the majority of the people would want to hear about it. If, however, it is an item applicable to others, feel free to send it in. It will definitely appear in some form. The SHADOW may have something to say about the situation!!

I will "Steal" articles from other publications quite frequently but will credit them with same as often as is possible. If I have taken something from you, feel free to tell me about it and I will give credit where credit is due.

That's about it for now! Enjoy your reading and we will return next "year"! I would say "Merry Christmas" but I don't like being facetious....I will however, say Happy New Year! You may get out of here in 1966!

Marion F. (Frank) Waddell



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SPECIALS





Two motorists met on a single-lane bridge. "I never back up for idiots," yelled one driver to the other.

"That's okay," said the other as he shifted into reverse, "I always do!"

Cuba is certainly an expansive country. The capital is in Havana, the Government is in Russia, and most of the people are in the United States.

Two chaps were talking. One said, "Today I got a nice French poodle for my wife."

The other replied, "That's wonderful! Where did you run on to a deal like that?"

Pat was loaded, driving his car down a one way street -- the wrong way.

"Where do you think you're going?" the cop wanted to know.

Said Pat, "I don't know, but I must be late, because everybody else is coming back."

The defense attorney was bearing down hard: "You say," he sneered, "that my client came at you with a broken bottle in his hand. But didn't you have something in yours?"

"Yes," replied the battered plaintiff, "his wife. Charming, of course, but not much good in a fight!"

Cop to a drunk who was walking with one foot in the gutter and the other foot on the sidewalk curb: "Hey, you! You're drunk!"

"Gee, thanks," muttered the drunk, "I thought I was crippled."

"Shay, pardon me, Officer, but where am I?"

"You're on the corner of Broadway and Forty-second."

"Cut out the details. What town am I in?"

Zoel Snow says he has a sister back home who is so nervous she can thread the needle of a sewing machine while the machine is running!

A lady reading about birth and death statistics stammered to the man sitting next to her, "Did you know that every time I breathe a man dies?"

"Very interesting," came the retort. "Have you tried toothpaste?"

A disheveled man burst into a psychiatrist's office, tore open a cigarette and stuffed the tobacco into his nose. "I can see that you need me," the psychiatrist uttered. "How can I help you?"

"Do you have a light?" the man answered.

Psychiatrist to an Internal Revenue agent on couch: "Nonsense! The whole world isn't against you. The people of the United States, perhaps, but not the world!"

Albert Einstein, the noted mathematician, was being interviewed. He was asked if he could predict the type of weapons that would be used in World War III. Einstein replied that the third world war weapons were not too significant but that he could say what would be used in World War IV. When asked what that was, he said, "Rocks!"

The average girl would rather have beauty than brains, because she knows that the average man can see better than he can think.

Husband calling wife to phone: "Dear, somebody wants to listen to you!"

MONTANA

PRISON STORY

by JOE LUCAS

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

References made throughout various places in this article concerning rehabilitative opportunities here at the Montana State Prison are conclusions drawn by the writer and made on the basis of personal observations. They do not necessarily pertain to the recidivist, that species of prisoner who is commonly classified as a repeater. Being one of the latter prompts me to make this observation in passing for the benefit of those who are recidivists and who pull time with the ingrained cynicism and the belief that anyone who passes through these grim portals is completely beyond the pale. In the researching and the writing of this article I have been primarily concerned with two things: the history of Montana State Prison, and the rehabilitative aspects of the first time loser. As a six times loser whose past record was one of the main factors in receiving a recent denial from the Board of Pardons, I make no apologies for stressing the good points the prison has to offer by way of restoring a man to society to function as a useful citizen, for something Pelisson wrote on the wall of his cell in the Bastille around 1661 still stands as truth that the "I" is predominant and that "attitude" governs the herd instinct that seems to be the major flaw in the pathetic makeup of the social misfit called a prisoner. The shibboleth to freedom and complete rehabilitation for the one who desires it boils down to attitude, and the most classic example of attitude this scribe can offer is Pelisson's words on the wall of his cell that gleam like reflections from the mirror of his mind:

Fast closed with double grills
And triple gates—the cell
To wicked souls is hell;
But to a mind that's innocent
'Tis only iron, wood and stone.

Time, unlike the wind, does leave footprints for the tracker to follow and read. Today finds the Deer Lodge prison scarred in many ways, but constantly moving forward with the changing times. Today the accent is on rehabilitation. A unique educational system for the interested prisoner, trades he can learn, speak-up clubs for those who desire self-confidence, and a recently chartered Junior Chamber of Commerce chapter inside the walls that boasts of being the second of its kind in the entire world. Rehabilitation is sometimes an elusive problem, like trying to climb a rope of smoke, but through sheer persistence old and new questions relative to time and man are slowly being answered. Although the fact remains that prison continues to remain a prison, no matter what advancements are made, statistics are bearing out the truth that criminals can be rehabilitated and returned to their proper niche in society to function as useful, law-abiding citizens.

Prisons have emerged from the cocoons of apathy, ignorance, and the archaic philosophy that convicts are human rugs created for the sole purpose of having brutality wipe its feet on them. To arrive at this point has been a tough journey through the years of trial and error. There is no end to this story, but there is a beginning, and it starts like this:

A properly equipped penitentiary was demanded by Governor Benjamin F. Potts. By an act of Congress, January 22, 1867, certain moneys from the internal revenues were to be used to erect a Territorial Prison in Montana. There were two kinds of prisoners to contend with; the federal prisoners, who were convicted of violating the laws of legislature, and those who were convicted of violating the laws of the Territory. The U.S. Government and the Territory were each required to pay the expenses of caring for its own convicts. The federal prisoners were being sent under contract to the Nebraska State Penitentiary and the Territorial prisoners were in county jails, mostly in Madison County.

Prior to the prison being located at Deer Lodge, vague reference is made in a tome or two to the effect that some sort of federal prison existed at Virginia City, in Madison County. Letters to various places produced no satisfactory information and a few received no reply at all. Since information is too sketchy and since it is not the purpose of this article to deal with vagaries, the prison at Virginia City is mentioned only in passing.

Deer Lodge was selected as the site for the penitentiary and the construction of a building was commenced, the cornerstone having been laid on June 2, 1870. The building was ready for occupancy in July, 1871.

The Penitentiary was built under authority of the general government in 1870, and received its first prisoner on July 2, 1871. By direction of the Attorney General of the United States the penitentiary was transferred to the control of the authorities of the United States on the first day of August, 1874, and the Territory ceased to control from that date. At the time of the transfer there was made a contract on behalf of the Territory with the Attorney General for the confinement in the penitentiary of all persons convicted of violating the laws of the Territory, and sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary, at the rate of one dollar per day for each convict so confined, which contract expired on the first day of August, 1876. The directors and warden were continued in office to audit and certify to the accounts of the United States under this contract, and to manage the labor of convicts. The warden served for a salary of forty dollars per month.

The previous contract named the consideration for feeding, clothing, and medical treatment of prisoners at \$1.26 per prisoner, per day, but this sum was reduced to seventy-five cents, and under Warden Botkin's administration fell to seventy cents, before the seventy-eight cent rate was adopted.

The penitentiary was a large stone building, but not completed according to the original plan. This institution stood on a reservation of twelve acres, four acres of which formed the grounds, within a sixteen foot high fence. The number of cells were twenty-eight, while the number of prisoners tallied over eighty, a fact which called for new buildings. The total number of prisoners

from July, 1871, to February 1, 1883 was 268. In July, 1885, Archie McTague relieved Wilson as Deputy Superintendent of the prison. Beaupre, Fish and Walton resigned as guards, and the others were continued, the remaining force then consisting of William Witters, James Brown, R. H. Hereford, James Murphy, J. W. Cleary, Alex Brown, S. M. C. Hughes, C. R. Harris and A. E. Robyns.

The prison at Deer Lodge and the erection of another prison at Billings were started at the same time, but the Billings project was abandoned before completion, although the unfinished portion still stands as a monument for the tourist to view and wonder if the crime rate in the young West was so terrible that two penitentiaries were needed to house its human errors.

Worthy of mention here is the fact that the Deer Lodge Valley citizens had the choice of a college or a prison. This (their choice of a prison) was probably undoubtedly a choice made with an eye on creating employment opportunities, for later these same citizens proved their interests in educational matters by supporting the founding of Trask Hall, in 1878, better known to students and historians as the Montana Collegiate Institute, which was the first of its kind in the Territory.



The first surgeon of the penitentiary was A. H. Mitchell, M. D. Doctor Mitchell was a pioneer physician and surgeon who arrived in the Deer Lodge Valley in 1865. In 1869 he was appointed by the President to construct the Territorial Prison, and was in charge of the work until its completion in 1871. Doctor Mitchell also served several years as physician and surgeon of the prison, resigning this position in December, 1882. He was succeeded by doctors Whitford, Holmes, and Musingbrod, who served successively until 1875. In 1875, Doctor Mitchell was re-appointed and held the position until December (?), 1882, when he resigned to take over the construction of what is now known as the Montana State Hospital at Warm Springs.

The new penitentiary was built by the Federal Government in 1869 and 1870, at a cost of \$39,300., with fourteen cells. When Montana became a state in 1889 it took over the operation of the prison, and additions have been made through the years. The number of inmates reached a peak of 721 in 1932, exceeded in 1964 when the figures climbed to 737, and stood at 530 in October, 1955 when there were 360 cells. The earthquake of August 17th - 18th, 1959 destroyed 160 cells and today the inmate population stands well over 700, with 200 cells, plus 200 more at Rothe Hall, the latter being removed from the prison proper with which this article is concerned.

The longest time served by an inmate so far is 47 years, and his number is 6235. He is still here. Over 21,000 new prisoners have been processed to this date, making the perishable commodity known as man a big business.

The system of giving each prisoner a number was started on December 19, 1894. Since that date the numbers have moved into the 21,000 series, which is quite a turnover in human flesh during the short span of seventy years.

The first record of any prisoner which can be located shows that Samuel E. Hughes was received at the Deer Lodge prison July 2, 1871. Hughes' sentence was one year for the crime of Assault with Intent to Kill. The record further reveals that Hughes was pardoned by the Territorial Governor on July 25th of the same year. From time of commitment to the day he received his release, Hughes served a total of 23 days. Brevity, thy name is Pardon!

An excerpt from the HISTORY OF MONTANA (1885) is used to quote from the 'Laws of 1873-76': "The session of the Legislature called April 14, 1873 by Governor Benjamin F. Potts, considered the Congressional Act of January 24, 1873, which transferred the care and custody of the United States Penitentiary at Deer Lodge, to Montana, retaining the legal title to the buildings and ground."

Deer Lodge was a rarity in its time when it became a Territorial Prison in 1873. In certain ways, from a modern penologist's standpoint, the Territorial Prison was ahead of its time with a rehabilitative method that is now in the process of being adopted by many states---this in regards to prisoner employment. Page 809, HISTORY OF MONTANA (1885) has this to say:

"The Montana State Prison was located at Deer Lodge twenty-four years ago, and is an imposing pile of buildings. The records show that there are about 600 prisoners, but as the system of parole and employment on state buildings and public highways is in force, at times more than half have spent various periods in valuable labor outside the prison walls.

"Among the buildings thus erected by prison labor have been the office of the prison, men's and women's dormitories at the State Hospital for the Insane at Warm Springs, Deer Lodge County, and the dairy barn and power house, the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Galen, same county. As a very small percentage of those paroled is reported as having violated their privileges, the system (in view of its financial returns) appears to have been a success."

By way of slight contradiction to the documented opinion just related, let us take a look at employment under extremely different conditions, at a time when rehabilitation (an annoyingly repetitious word) was nonexistent.

In 1918 the warden of the Montana State Prison was Frank Conley. He had been the warden of the Territorial Prison, presumably following Colonel W. W. Botkin, before Montana became a state. Conley and Archie McTague built and operated the prison as a private venture, paid by the Montana Territory until 1889 when Montana achieved statehood. (Author's note: Since it has already been established that Doctor Mitchell supervised the construction of the prison from its ground-breaking stage until its completion, it is assumed by this scribe that the building by Conley and McTague is in reference to the additions made by them.) Conley remained warden until April 7, 1921. Strangely enough, prisoners have passed Conley's story down through the years, and he is still remembered. Word of mouth aside, however, statistics show that much construction was accomplished by inmate labor during Conley's Administration, both at the prison and at the surrounding institutions. The prisoners also built roads in nearby towns such as Garrison and Nimrod. It is observed in passing that chains and dogs were used on the men working on the roads.

History also implacably states that Warden Conley operated under the delusion that at least 50% of the prisoners were insane. How strongly he believed this is borne out by the fact that during his administration many prisoners

received at the prison were eventually transferred to Warm Springs.

The Prison Administration office, Warm Springs Administration, dairy at the State TB Sanitarium and the Warden's residence were among the buildings erected during the Conley Administration. The prison theatre, donated by William A. Clark, Jr., was constructed in 1919 by prison labor. Clark also donated many volumes to the prison library and set up a fund, which is still in existence, for the prison band. Too, ten of the twenty-five dollars each prisoner receives upon release is from the Clark fund.

An article dated April, 1896, appearing in the Anaconda Standard provides us with the following information:

"Inside the walls at Deer Lodge the State Board of Prison Commissioners has decided to build a mammoth three-story building. It will stand just south of the building erected last year.

"Built with free-world labor, the cost would be \$50,000. Built with convict labor it will cost one-fourth of that amount. Construction will start in May."

The Anaconda Standard newspaper item just quoted is in reference to what we commonly termed the "Old Wing," which was destroyed during the 1959 earthquake.



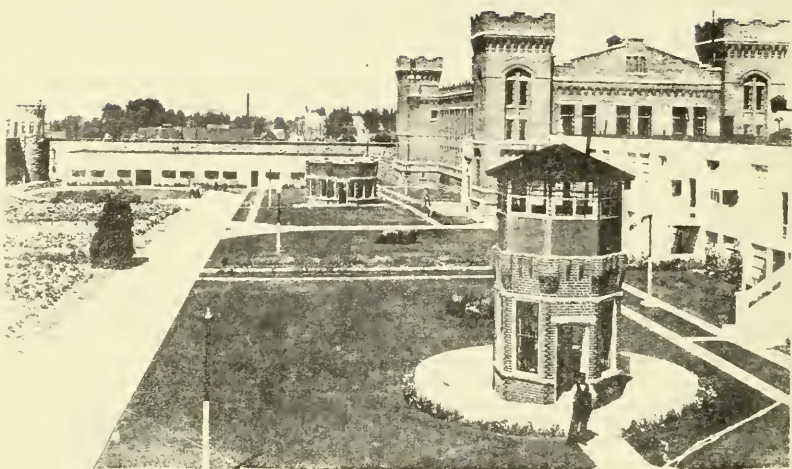
Construction of additional buildings continues. In 1953 the 30,000 acre Deer Lodge Farms was purchased by the state as part of the facilities of the prison. In the March, 1964 issue of the M. P. News, the prison magazine in its "News Impending" page informs its readers that the Board of Institutions, at a recent meeting, discussed the possibility of building an additional poultry laying unit at Ranch #1, along with the possible duplication of a swine finishing unit. Also under consideration at this writing is the construction of a new close-security building to house 200 men, along with a dairy unit which will supply the necessary dairy products for five other institutions in the Big Sky State. A more recent aim at extending the prison buildings came with the announcement, carried by the Montana Standard, that a new plant for the manufacturing of license plates will be constructed at Rothe Hall.

The first warden of the Territorial Prison was James Gilchrist. Gilchrist was fortunate in having three of the most distinguished Board members to be found in early Montana: Conrad Kohrs, Granville Stuart and John Kinna.

A list of wardens dating back to the prison's territorial days is included with the remark that since no permanent records were kept until the 1900's, the listing prior to reaching the name of Warden Frank Conley is the result of hardscrabble research that somehow managed to stretch out into the length of three months. Worthy of mention, too, is the fact that no log or diary was kept at Montana State Prison until 1959. The time lapse between Colonel W. W. Botkin's resignation and re-appointment shows no warden, although there must have been at least an acting one. Only those I have been able to verify have been listed.

James Gilchrist, the first warden, served in this capacity from 1873 to 1878. Replacing Gilchrist as warden was Colonel W. W. Botkin, who sat in the warden's chair from May 15, 1878 until he resigned in June, 1881. The gap created by Botkin's resignation in 1881, until his re-appointment in August, 1882 could well have been filled by the then Deputy Superintendent, a (?) Wilson, but this is mere conjecture. Succeeding Colonel Botkin was Frank Conley, who had the distinction of assuming the office of warden while Montana still was a Territory and remaining as the State's warden until April, 1921, making him the one man to hold this office the longest. M. W. Potter served from April, 1921 to June, 1924. J. W. Cole filled the warden's seat from June, 1924 to March, 1925, relinquishing the reins to A. B. Middleton, who remained in office from March, 1925 to March, 1937. T. R. Bergstrom became the next warden in March, 1937 and continued in this position until March, 1941. Dudley Jones occupied the warden's chair from March, 1941 to December, 1942. John E. Henry took over as warden in December, 1942 and occupied this office until March, 1949. Lou Boedecker replaced Henry in March of 1949 and remained until March of 1953. From March, 1953 until April of 1958 the warden was F. O. Burrell, succeeded from April, 1958 to September, 1958 by William Benson. Floyd E. Powell replaced Benson in September, 1958 and served as warden until February, 1962. Ed Ellsworth, Jr. succeeded Powell in February, 1962 and at this writing Mr. Ellsworth continues in the position of Warden at Montana State Prison.





The story of Montana State Prison has no ending. Its history is written in many ways; with ink, with sweat, with brutality, and a few of those pages have been written with blood. There has been good, bad, and even indifference displayed on both sides during the aspirin years of attempting to solve the human equation called a prisoner. The wind leaves no footprints, but time does, and a tour through today's prison finds hopelessness replaced with hope. Man finds a prison not a very sad place, a Latin proverb tells us, when justice sits with him. True it is that prison continues to remain a place of locks, but this is where the grim reminder of lost freedom ends.

CLAIM BEATLE HAIRCUT ROW SPARKED KILLING

St. Catharines, Ont.--An argument over a Beatle haircut started a fight in which a 21-year-old youth shot his father, a witness told a preliminary hearing last week.

Apparently, the youth had watched the Beatles on television, and combed his hair in the Beatle style. When his mother objected to this, he told her he was 21, and quite able to do as he liked. His father didn't think so however, and attacked the youth with an axe. The youth picked up a shotgun to defend himself and it went off in the struggle and killed his father.

The Toronto Daily Star

That VIRGIN Birth!

By Larry Dewey



To the people who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ, Christmas marks the event of God's acting in the course of human history by revealing himself in Jesus Christ-- by God becoming man through the birth of a man. For many people this is hard to understand, and impossible to believe. "How can God care for one little speck of dust in all this great universe?" Yet Christmas is the proclamation that God does care -- that he loves us and that we ought to love one another.

The newspapers would have proclaimed many amazing occurrences that night almost two thousand years ago -- "MYSTERIOUS STAR SIGHTED"; "ROYALTY VISITS BETHLEHEM"; "STRANGE BEINGS SEEN BY SHEPHERDS." But the story of a little child being born, as today, most likely would have been overlooked -- UNLESS, incredible as it may seem, the miracle of the Virgin Birth would be believed. All of these other occurrences are reported to have occurred because of a miraculous birth -- which is thought by our scientifically "doubtful" minds to be an impossibility. We are not ready to believe.

The amazing thing about this is that every one of the newspaper headings listed above has occurred over and over again. In the past thirty years (approximately my own lifetime) the discovery of mysterious stars by our astronomers has become commonplace and the visits by the dignitaries of one continent to another are hardly worth mentioning. Nor is it thought impossible that some sort of beings could come to earth from other planets; haven't we also sent spacecraft -- crude as it still is -- into outer space? But the birth of a baby -- particularly

because of the report "born of a virgin" -- still eludes us; we cannot understand it. "There must be more to this than meets the eye," we say, but we fail to utilize that "something more" -- the message of Christmas.

Considering the facts of his daily life, Jesus appears to have lived a life of complete personal failure; yet his affect on the course of human history is undeniable -- he is the leader of human progress. While many people who celebrate Christmas cannot or will not believe in the divinity of Jesus, they do believe in his message of love and good will. Perhaps this is the important thing about Christmas. In our exchanges of gifts and greetings we show that we too recognize that the teachings of the babe of Bethlehem are still relevant to our age and to each of us personally.

On Christmas we are often too busy thinking of other things than to remember the one who was born on this day. Although, while writing this article in anticipation of Christmas and knowing that our readers will probably not see it until after the great day, the staff of the MP News hopes that your Christmas holiday ("a joyous holy day") will have been a meaningful one and that its "Peace on earth to men of good will" may extend throughout the coming year. We send a belated MERRY CHRISTMAS, and wish you and yours a prosperous NEW YEAR!

Tino Carrasco

From "jailbird" to "song bird" is often quite a leap, but it is even more amazing when a man jumps from dope addiction to Gospel Singer and Evangelist as well. Twice in the past year Tino Carrasco has visited both inside the walls and at Rothe Hall. He told of the struggle his family had when his father was a "jailbird," how he himself became addicted and struggled to free himself from the prison of being a user of narcotics. Then he explained in simple, humble language how he was finally freed by Someone greater than himself.

Tino is from southern California and travels all over the United States telling his story of his own personal experiences with "the monkey on his back." While traveling he pays his own way by selling beautiful Gospel Song albums that he has recorded in both English and Spanish. The men of M. S. P. who had the privilege of hearing him want this dedicated Christian witness to return again.



"My name is Santa C. and I am an alcoholic!"

THE PRISON VINE

SPECTATOR, Jackson, Michigan

(UPI)--Britain abolished capital punishment recently. The House of Commons approved, without vote, an anti-hanging bill first introduced almost 20 years ago.

Murderers presently under sentence of death, including a 19-year-old boy condemned this week for killing a detective, will instead serve long terms of imprisonment.

There has been an unofficial moratorium an (sic) hanging in Britain for about 14 months, ever since the abolitionists forced Parliament to give serious consideration to the subject.

The last criminal (sic) executed in Britain were Peter Allen, 21, and Gwynne Owen Evans, 24, who died on the gallows Aug. 13, 1964, for the murder of a Welch farmer.

The bill was sponsored by Sydney Silverman, a Labor Member.

The legislation is in effect for only five years, but that limit was widely regarded as a device to assure passage. Few expect the public hangman ever to ply his trade in Britain again.

SHADOWS, Salem, Oregon

Delaware was the first state to ratify the U. S. Constitution...and North Carolina and Rhode Island were the last. According to World Book Encyclopedia, Rhode Island and North Carolina refused to take part in the new government until the first Congress had begun to adopt a bill of rights.

THE NEAR & THE FAR

Between man and man there is more difference in spiritual worth than between man and the beasts of the fields, for to us God has bestowed the power to greatly exalt or to debase ourselves. Looking around me I see some men who are as animals, others who approach to angelhood. The theory of the equality of men is too absurd to effect practical politics. What, I ask you, is society, if not the systematizing of the natural inequalities between race and race, caste and caste, man and man?

Peter Wiley

SEAGOZETTE, Seagoville, Texas

Greenland is a country without prisons, and there are no plans to build any. The present legal system in this country provides such punishments as being "sentenced to education" for a crime. (Look for complete story in the next issue of the MP News.

SPECTATOR, Jackson, Michigan

(AP)--Treasury agents in Dundee, Ill., said Albert Mears 23, arrested at a still on his farm near Dundee, told them he didn't sell his product, and explained: "I drink most of it. The rest I put in my car. It makes the car run good.

MESSENGER, South Dakota

The bill to abolish capital punishment in Nebraska has been killed by the legislature's judiciary committee for the third time in six years. The vote this go-round was 5-1.

LB466 was introduced by Sen. John Knight of Lincoln, a freshman lawmaker. He said he will not attempt to revive the measure.

The bill was supported at its public hearing by church leaders and Governor Morrison. It was opposed by law enforcement authorities, who contend the death penalty acts as a deterrent to murder.

Nebraska is one of 23 states and the District of Columbia that imposes death by electrocution for first degree murder. The gas chamber is used in 10 states, the noose in six, and the firing squad in one (Utah).

SPECTATOR, Jackson, Michigan

WORLD'S FIRST THREE DIMENSIONAL BRAILLE TEXT PRODUCED
BY SMP MICHIGAN BRAILLE TRANSCRIBERS

A man came up with an idea. It seemed possible but he wasn't sure, so he consulted two experts.

Between the three of them the idea took the form of a practical project and work got underway.

From this beginning came the first braille textbook with three dimensional illustrations.

The man with the idea was SMP Special Activities Supervisor Ex R. Barham. The braille transcribing experts were John Auld and Richard Jenkins.

The project took four months from conception to completion. The men devoted nearly 90 hours of their spare time to produce the first volume of "Elementary School Mathematics."

In the past, three dimensional objects have been used by sightless students in conjunction with textbooks, such as pyramids, spheres, cubes, etc., in geometry studies. But the new book has these objects intermingled with the text on the book pages.

Patterns for the objects were made from heavy cardboard and placed amid the braille text. These completed page forms were then fed to a Thermoform machine, which is a type of heated press that turns out plastic sheets with braille symbols in relief.

Their experiments proved that the Thermoform would also produce their illustrations in relief.

When the first volume was produced, it was put into use in the Jackson Public School classes of Mrs. Juanita Greenman who reported that she is "extremely pleased" with the book.

Six more volumes will make a complete text and the men will devote 800 hours to the entire project, they said.

Once the forms are completed, it is just a matter of making Thermoform copies, they explained. They hope to turn out a number of complete sets to be used by sightless students throughout the state.

CONJUGAL VISITS

THE BRIDGE

Fourteen states of the U. S. A. now allow their prisoners conjugal visits, whilst other states permit 48, 72 and 96 hour leave to married prisoners.

PRESIDIO

Retailers' losses to professional and amateur check artists will top \$1 billion in 1965 alone, according to Sylvia Porter, nationally syndicated writer on economics.

Bad check passing is the biggest "non-taxable business" in the country today, according to an eastern executive, and also the nation's most frequently committed crime. Businessmen must make well over \$10 billion in sales just to offset the losses from bad checks.

THE EYE OPENER, McAlester, Oklahoma

(PP)--California Governor Edmond G. (Pat) Brown recently signed into law two bills that strengthen and expand the work-furlough program for that state's prison inmates.

Governor Brown said the new laws will make it possible for carefully selected inmates of that state's correctional institutions to hold jobs, contribute to the support of their families, and help pay the cost of their confinement and training.

The laws authorize agreements between the corrections director and cities or counties for the transfer of the state prisoners for participation in the program.

Under the work-furlough plan, an inmate would be confined in a local jail but allowed to leave during working hours to hold a job.

He would be required to return to jail as soon as his workday ends.

Similar programs have been in operation on a local level in several California counties.

PRESIDIO

Colonel Carey Jarman, head of Maryland State Police, was trying to find out who sent 15 newspapers and radio stations in the Baltimore area a news release over his signature.

The telegrams urged Maryland motorists to drink one or two martinis for safe driving. The wires went on to assure editors and station news directors that "a driver after two or three drinks has better visual acuity than a non-drinking driver and will be less subject to accidents."

Jarman is not only busy denying any connection with the telegrams; he's also wondering what to do about the bill for \$97. That's in his name too.

FOSTER PARENT'S

PLAN



July 1965

My Dear Foster Parents,

Thank you very much, dear Foster Parents. I am very grateful for the blessings I received for the month of June. We owe you all the things we enjoy now. May God give you more years to live for there are many poor and unfortunate people who need your help. I hope you don't get tired in assisting us.

My sincere gratitude to all of you. If ever this reaches you, dear Foster Parents, thank you with all my heart.

For June, I received 3 gantas of rice, a dress, a chemise, a bottle of vitamins and P43.00 (\$11.00).

Again, here's lots of thanks to all.

Respectfully,

/S/ Teresita Estacio
by: Estrella Estacio

/lmc

August 1965

My dear Foster Parents,

Thank you very much for the help you are extending us. We'll never forget all these wonderful things you are doing to us. We hope for your continuous assistance. I am especially grateful for making it possible for me to study.

We are fully aware that there are so many of you who are lending us your helping hands. Lots of thanks to all.

Your foster child,

/s/ Teresita Estacio

October 27, 1965

Inmates Foster Parents Plan
c/o Editor of M. P. News
Box 7
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Friends:

Because of the improved financial condition of Stephen's family, he no longer needs PLAN aid and has been cancelled by Mr. Burghardt, our Director in Greece. The family's income is now sufficient for its support. We are very grateful to you for your kindness to Stephen and are sure that he will remember you with affection and gratitude. A recent picture of him is enclosed to you.

If you wish, you may, as active Foster Parents, send an occasional letter to Stephen through our office, marking "Cancelled" beside his name and number. In the hope that you will accept another Foster Child in his place, we have taken the liberty of assigning ten-year-old Savvas Skinohoritis to you. The case history and picture of this new Greek boy are enclosed and we trust that you will like him. Since your last check included support for Stephen through November, 1965, we transferred the unused portion to Savvas. If this assignment is not satisfactory, please let us know and we shall be glad to make a change for you.

Thank you again for your fine interest, which is greatly appreciated. Please mark the line of your choice on the enclosed slip and return it in the envelope provided.

Sincerely,

Katherine B. Slevin
Assistant Director

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to being unable to raise enough money to support two foster children this year, all support from our Foster Parents Plan will go to the Estacio family. We hope to be able to support another, second foster child next year -- but this will depend entirely on the support received from the inmate body. Let's hope that we will consider someone besides ourselves when the next drive for funds for the foster children begins!



The MESS HALL has an OLD FASHIONED but COMPLETELY NEW VENTILATION SYSTEM and as a RESULT of this CRAWFORD (Garrulous Barney) BARNER was SEEN with HIS MOUTH SHUT!! It seems that the CONVERSE would be more LOGICAL..... STEPHEN (The Mad Monk) FEB changes to ONE GALLEY. It seems he has an AFFINITY for the number THREE. He was TRYING to get on 7 GALLEY so he COULD BE IN 333 but had to SETTLE for 33!! On being asked what the THREE is all about, RAY (Doctor Freud) CARPENTER just EJACULATED some LITTLE PHRASE about "HAIL TO THE GREEKS!" I just DON'T KNOW!--WOW!!.....As BOB (The Leather Worker) MILLER was seen CARRYING one of his 'PURSES' to the WEIGHT-LIFTING CORNER, it was asked: How can he USE A HORSE THAT SMALL? RONALD (Type-WRITER) VANDERHOFF says HE CAN type his 85 WORDS a MINUTE because HE IS FASTER than GOFORTH! Hmmm! That returned visitor, DOROTHY (The PULCHRITUDINITE?!?!?) BELL has a COLD. Been in a LONG-WINDED CONVERSATION?... The SIMULACRUM seems to LIKE this one...NOEL (Wee Willie Lump Lump) WILLIAMS still SUCKS his LOWER LIP when he is SLEEPING and PLAYS the SAX and CLARINET while AWAKE..... GARTH (Tom Tom) REYNOLDS set his SAX aside for a DRUM-STICK.....GORDON (Herc) WILKINS shows BLODGETT how to lift weights.....LARRY (Amen) DEWEY seen GOING through a STRANGE RITUAL. Does the CHAPLAIN encourage THIS? No, HE just BUYS the BATTERIES!!!...NICK(What's for lunch) FEZZY seen PLAYING with 230 lbs. of IRON!!...JERRY (T.D.) ENGBRITSON seen CUDDLING the FOOTBALL.....GARY (T.B.) RADI acted JEALOUS!!.....RONALD (In the swing) REESE com-

mented that he CAN'T SEE a DARN THING with his NEW SHADES on..CHARLES (What Size) FURGESSON had to CHANGE his LINE to (What Cell Number). BLAMES IT on MECHANIZATION.. SOLOMON (Black&Red) DOCKTER seen TYPING IN TECHNICOLOR! BUSTER (UmmHm) MORRAN finally disagreed with SOMETHING! RED (Snap Shot) ROLLINS says ALL the PEOPLE who go to the PHOTO LAB have the THEME SONG on their LIPS from SNOW WHITE; "SOMEDAY MY PRINCE WILL COME!.....HAROLD (It's Saturday) GREGG won't GIVE UP that EASILY!..CLOYSE (Whiskey) LITTLELIGHT was OVERHEARD saying on a CLOUDLESS, WINDLESS AFTERNOON:"It would be a FINE DAY TO SEND MESSAGE to my PEOPLE!"....MARK (Shirt-Tail) KASTL will be TAKING UP DONATIONS next week to BUY the EX-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF a NEW HAIRBRUSH. Give GENEROUSLY, it is RUMORED we WILL BE PAYING for a CURRYCOMB!!....WHO is doing all the SINGING over at the WOMENS' QUARTERS? The SHADOW KNOWS!..CAROL (I'm from Missouri) BRIAN tries to EXPLAIN her MOISTENED EYES as BEING CAUSED by a SLIGHT COLD, YET after just hearing an UNCHAINED-MELODY.Was LOU (CANADIAN Sunset) CAPTAIN intended to WEAR that DRESS?.....ADA (It was WORTH IT) BACA is seen COUNTING on her fingers 1 THRU 4, then gets an UNSURE LOOK on her face?....the SHADOW has been keeping A CLOSE WATCH on Mr. "SQUARE JOHN'S daily FLOOR PACING, and is CONVINCED the GUY has to be SERIOUS!!..."WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?" It is RUMORED they go to CHOW on some RAILWAY. Something like the SHORT LINE. I saw SOME of THEM on 3 TIER..... The SHADOW has seen all now! Eddie (the optimist) JONES still holds the CROWN as our present day TYPING CHAMP over his closest rival, HAROLD (Pineapple) EBELING..This wasn't ENOUGH! He had to add INSULT to INJURY by doing this LITTLE FEAT of typing 85 WORDS A MINUTE, but WITH ONE HAND BEHIND HIS BACK??.Is that DUST IN YOUR EYES, J?

FRIEND IN NEED FULL OF GREED

Pensacola, Fla. (UPI)--Worried about his stolen truck, Bill Jackson didn't ask any questions when he was told his friend, John Lowe, was in jail. He paid Lowe's bond. Later he learned his friend had been charged with stealing the truck. After his release, Lowe allegedly forged Jackson's name to a \$100 cheque and disappeared. Police --and Jackson--are now looking for Lowe.

The Clock

LES BELLES SPEAKING!



So sorry, Charlie!! The women apologize for their seemingly lack of interest in articles sent in. Not so! But--(any excuse will do right now.)--they have found different interests?? We hesitate to discuss which is more important, so we will leave that for later.

Since the last article was written, we have lost four of our "lififers" (smile) to the free world. Sharon, Yedra, Barbara, and Lorraine. (My we did get behind, didn't we?) Their departure left us with two strangers and a "returned" visitor---Dorothy, Sue and Leona. Count call is considerably easier now, and we hope it will stay that way. Who ever said "The more the merrier" has never visited W.Q.'s.(Editor's Note: That's debatable!)

Of the girls over here, I would say Sue, by far, is the busiest. She, taking over Lorraine's post as cook, does a very good job (despite the burns on her hands).

Ada is saving her money for a new perfume that just came out: "FOR ANGELS ONLY." Why doesn't someone put out a scent titled "STRANGER AT MY HOUSE"? Boy! Could they make money off of her!!

Theresa (80 lbs. of RAT POISON) and Carol would very much like to open a "Pizza Parlor" somewhere between here and Viet Nam!! They have a problem (sorta) in not being able to agree on a good location, nor appropriate prices. (Editor's Note: Prices depend on the overhead!) They don't agree on anything, so we will just wait and see.

Speaking of Viet Nam, Mitzi and Judy, being the mail carriers, are really worried about all this talk. Mitzi has set up a sing above her bed, and repeats it nightly:

"Neither rain, nor storm, nor dark of night, etc." I did not think she cared!!!!

Reading up on our military info--Teresa decided that if they called her, she is going to be a "Middle Man" cuz they're less likely to get "shot down!" Carol was going to be a B.A.R. man (?) (HIC) until someone told her that wasn't what she thought it was!! (Wise guy) Ada goes--around singing "I'LL FOLLOW THE BOYS!"

On the more serious side of things, the girls have been working very earnestly on baby clothes(read on) for the mission in Bolivia, which will be opened in January, by the Sisters of Charity. They have sewn nightgowns, diapers (fitted ones even) (Editor's Note: On who?) bibs and patchwork quilts. The embroidering and crocheting on these articles is very pretty, and the girls enjoy the work very much. Since the quilts have come onto the scene, we have all become "first class bums" trying to obtain scraps of material needed for the blankets.

A rumor off of the Grape-vine!! Is it really necessary that you guys have a Santa Clause for your Christmas party? If so, we have the perfect laugh over here, but it would take a large amount of padding to make Judy so that she looked the part.

We've got a new swamper in the office, really keeps things looking ship-shape. Only thing, she kind of bugs a person, humming the same tune all the time.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!!

--Later

Mitzi & Carol

WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE

Before marriage a man yearns for a woman. After marriage, the "Y" is silent.

WOMEN!

"A ship is always referred to as 'she' because it costs so much to keep it in paint and powder."

Admiral Nimitz

"Goodness is the only investment that never fails!"

H. D. Thoreau

SPORTS NEWS

By: George YellowEyes



The De Molay Boxing Club of Great Falls, and a combination of Butte and Polson fighters tangled with the M.S.P "All Staters" here the months of October (30th), and November (12th).

In the Great Falls bouts the "Staters" mustered their share of wins from the well trained and conditioned Great Falls fighters; winning four out of ten bouts. One unscheduled bout which was surprising to all the inmate fight fans pitted the Montana State Amateur boxing champion, Ron Snyder (Polson) against Pat Buckman, who is a member of the M.S.P. Boxing Club but at the time of the bouts was a spectator and was called from his ring-side seat to do the job. Pat's boxing experience enabled him to go the full route with the champ. Snyder scored a unanimous decision in a real good slug-fest.

Bout #1. Tom Shocky (105 lbs.-G.F.) won over Ronnie "Tiger" Lease (105 lbs.-MSP) by a T.K.O. in 1 minute, 50 seconds of the second round. With an injured knee it was doubtful that Lease would fight. But what a heart and courage!

Bout #2. John Dayon (156 lbs.-MSP) with a right-cross sent Keeler (155 lbs.-G.F.) to the canvas in the first round, and went on to win by unanimous decision.

Bout #3. Little Light (157 lbs.-MSP) scored a T.K.O. victory over Jim Harmon (156 lbs.) of Great Falls in 30 seconds of the first round.

Bout #4 found Great Falls' Louis Hernandez (131 lbs.) battling out a unanimous decision over Gene White Calf (130 lbs.-MSP).

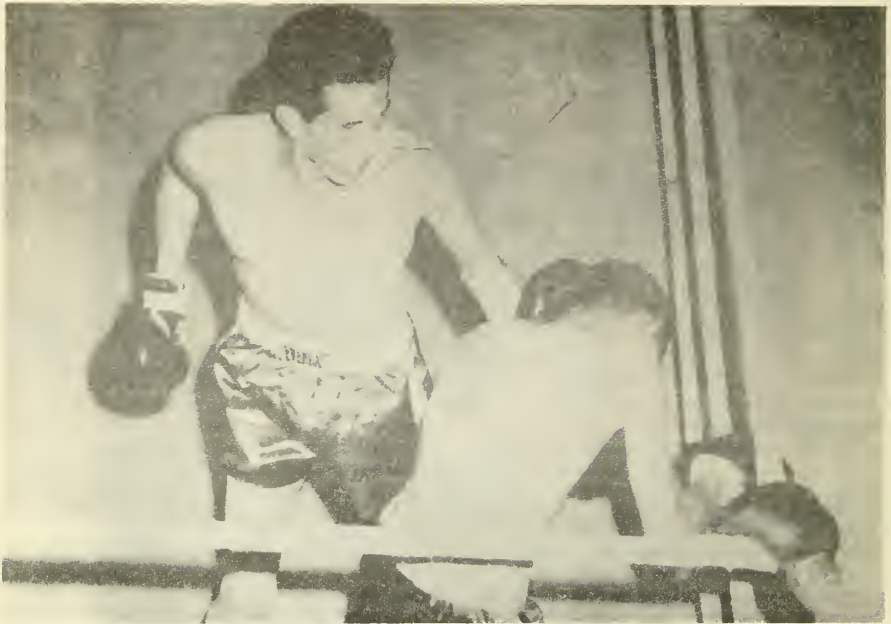


ABOVE--Ronnie Lease and Tom Shocky battle it out in the first bout of the October 30th matches.

Bout #5. Middleweights saw Dean Nelson (160 lbs.) of Great Falls scoring a T.K.O. victory in 1 minute, 47 seconds of the third round over Willie Ventling (160 lbs) of M. S. P. Due to the bad cut over Ventling's left eye, referee Doc Mitchell stopped the fight.

Bout #6. "Red" Rollins' (135 lbs.-MSP) fighting fists earned him a unanimous decision over Larry Bakke (136 lbs.) of Great Falls.

Bout #7. In what was undeniably the best of the regularly scheduled bouts of the evening John Ledeau (146 lbs.-G.F.) scored a hard earned split-decision over "Battling" Jim Spurlock (146 lbs.) of M. S. P.



ABOVE--Little Light begins the punch that T.K.O.'s the bout for him over Jim Harmon.

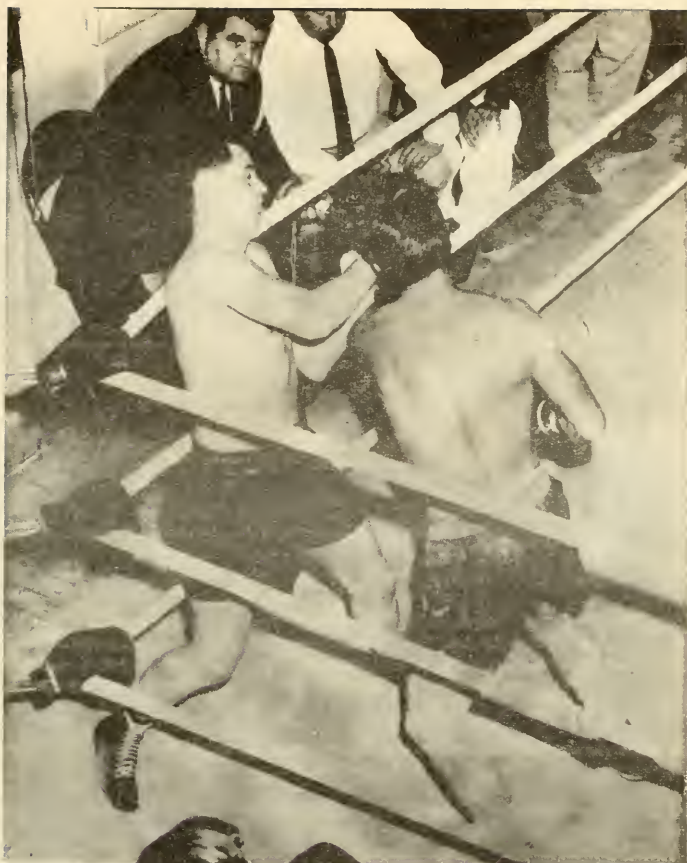
Bout #8. Once again White Cow (130 lbs.) of M. S. P. came through in fine fashion as he defeated one of the finer boxers of the Great Falls club, Deiter Colette, in a split decision.

In the Special Bout of the evening Dean Kromorak (112 lbs.) of Great Falls T.K.O.'d Dennis Matt (115 lbs.-MSP) in 1 minute, 9 seconds of the second round. Matt went down once in the first round, and twice in the second round.

The Main Bout of the night featured Doug Newberry (155 lbs.) of Great Falls and Kenny Bernhardt (159 lbs.) of M. S. P. Newberry, who is one of Montana's fine boxers, showed favor in the eyes of the judges and was unanimously declared the winner over Bernhardt.

In the Butte and Polson bouts the "All Staters" did not do so good as far as winning was concerned. The Butte Boxing Club took the majority of victories. Polson and the "All Staters" had two wins apiece.

"Battling"Spurlock and Dayon were the only two winners for the M. S. P. Boxing Club. Greg Miller (146 lbs.) of Butte, would you say, came with revenge in his heart for Spurlock after he was beaten by him in their first meet-



ABOVE--"Battlin'" Jim Spurlock and Greg Miller slug it out for the winner's spoils.

ing on October 14th? If so, then something must have gone wrong, and that something was Spurlock's right-cross that sent him to the canvas twice for a K.O. set back.

Dayon (155 lbs.-MSP) won by a split decision over Jim Williams (153 lbs.) of Polson.

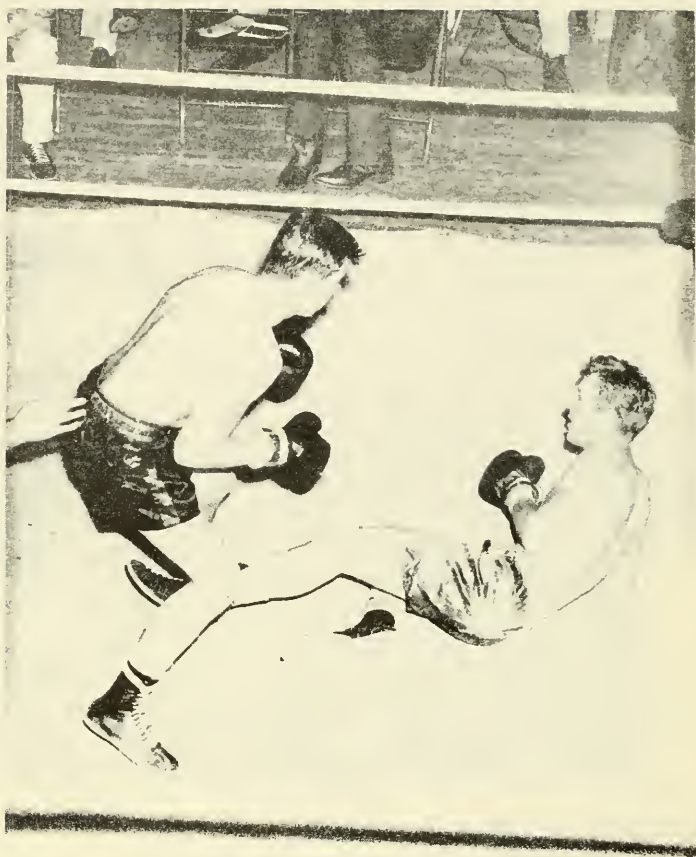
The rest of the bouts went something like this:

Gary Dowling (Butte) decisioned Tommy Burns, also of Butte.

Jack Burns (116 lbs.-Butte) decisioned Standing Horn (117 lbs.) of M. S. P.

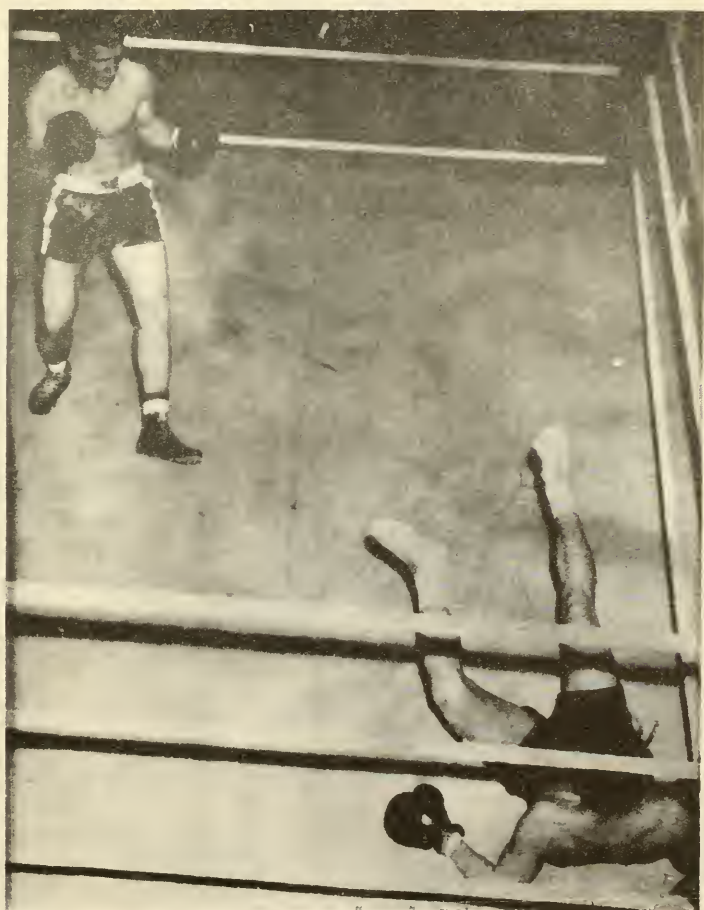
John Hocking (135 lbs.-Butte) decisioned Rollins (135 lbs.) of M. S. P.

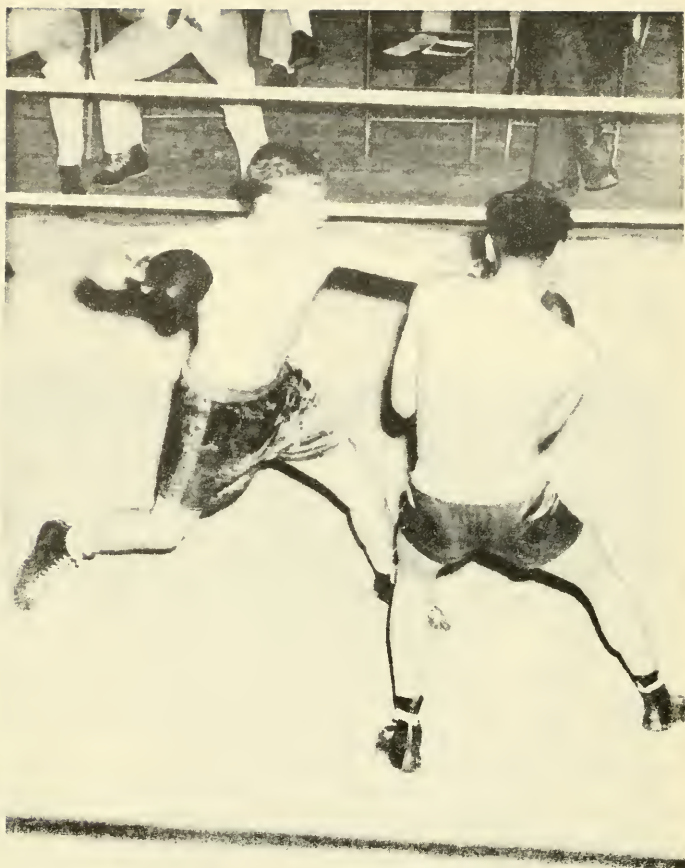
Gary O'Farell (140 lbs.-Butte) decisioned Brown (140 lbs.) of M. S. P.



ABOVE--Spurlock downs Greg Miller with a K.O. victory punch to earn another laurel for his boxing crown.

BELOW--John Dayon sends Jim Williams to the canvas, only to have Williams get up and force him to settle for a split decision win.





ABOVE---Dennis Herin throws one of the punches that helps him win a split decision over White Calf.

Larry Richards (122 lbs.-Butte) decisioned Allen Burland (122 lbs.) of Polson.

Dennis Herin (127 lbs.-Butte) decisioned White Calf (129 lbs.) of M. S. P.

Marvin Camel (118 lbs.-Polson) K.O.'d Dennis Matt (118 lbs.) of M. S. P.

The Main Bout of the evening saw Tom Camel (147 lbs.) of Polson unanimously defeat Yelloweyes (141 lbs.) of M. S. P.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to ya'all!

BODY

REPAIR

SHOP

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The recent and steady prevalence of extremely cold weather has had a marked influence on the daily climate of the Body Repair Shop. Until this cold snap we had approximately 40 men working out every day. However, if the number of men turning out for workouts each day has lessened the enthusiasm has, if anything, increased for those whom we can count on being out. The old "heads," Randall, Joe Allen, Bob Moore, Buster Morran, et al, are of course all still doing business in the same old stand. Cold weather doesn't deter these guys.

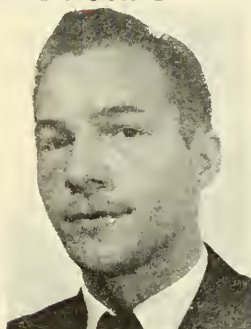
Many of the men who gave up daily workouts for the split routine have indicated that they are much more satisfied with the new arrangements of workout, saying they notice a much greater rate of increase and expansion than under the old system. The half-time rest serves as a body recuperation period and energy reservoir.

Some of the recent arrivals here in the institution have been heard to comment that they would like to take part in the body building program but don't know how to go about finding a spot to work out and a mentor. All these guys have to do is come around to the body building area and make known their wants. If they are serious about really wanting to help themselves there are any number of experienced men, including myself, who will give them a hand.

PRO et CON

Do you think the prison institutional staff should include a legal advisor? Several states are including such experts as part of their programs, and this could possibly be accomplished here.

NAME	AGE	WORK ASSIGN.	CRIME	SENTENCE
Edward Jones	30	Typist	Burg.	5 yrs.



While I believe the idea of having a legal advisor at the prison is very good, I do not think such a counsellor would serve the intended purpose, un-less he could function in a capacity where he would be completely independent of the prison administration and the Attorney General's authority.

If such an independent advisor were available, his assistance would benefit not only the inmate, but the petitioned court as well. The inmate would be spared the months (sometimes years) of steady writing and re-writing his petitions only to find that he has been filing the wrong writ in the right court and the right writ in the wrong court. The prospect of receiving consideration by the petitioned court on a correctly prepared petition is much greater than when the petition is incorrectly prepared and likewise presented.

It's a good idea though, just considering ideas.....

NAME

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CRIME

SENTENCE

Ronald Reese

32

Typist

Fraud Check

1 yr.



The various areas of prison administration are coming into focus more and more each year. The United States Supreme Court is a little more, each year tempering the methods and modes of justice. Each year these tend to make available to the many men who are forced to languish in a penal institution ways and means with which to gain release from unlawful imprisonment.

Everyone seems to feel that "travesties of justice" are a thing of the past, and something that just doesn't happen in America. Well, they do, and if a person will take a look around he can see examples here and there.

Law is so complex and the many fine points are very intricate for a common layman. Legal counsel is a necessity to present to the courts an intelligent, well founded petition for its adjudication.

An appointment of a specialized attorney, dealing with constitutional and criminal law would be heartily approved by me. It would provide a framework whereby inmates who have cases which need review the incentive to have them so reviewed. It would also give each individual person who is incarcerated a chance to insure himself that his imprisonment is legal.

Of course, I have reservations about such an appointment and in fairness I feel that they should also be brought out.

Any attorney appointed to give legal advice to inmates of a state prison would have to be strictly ethical.

HE PREFERS THE PRISON

Sentenced to five years in a county jail, Charles A. Barnes, 27, of Westfield, Mass., asked a judge to send him instead to state prison where he could learn a trade. Superior Court Judge Robert H. Beaudreau at Springfield denied the request last week. Said the judge: "I'd be afraid to send him to state prison for fear he'd think it was a reward." Barnes had been convicted of car theft.

NAME	AGE	WORK ASSIGN.	CRIME	SENTENCE
Joseph C. Warf	41	Teacher	2nd Deg. Mur.	10 yrs.



Yes, I believe a competent, well versed in all aspects of law, including Constitutional law and highly dedicated legal advisor would no doubt be an asset to the inmates here at M.S.P. However, I find it hard to believe that such a person would ever be available. Realizing that any man with the fore mentioned qualifications would already be well established. At

any rate, a man of this caliber would presently be earning more money than he would ever hope to obtain from legislative appropriations. Yes, an office or position of this type would require legislative approval and support. I cannot believe a proposal such as this would ever receive any favorable consideration from our legislators. Therefore, I think the idea is excellent, but unrealistic.

NAME	AGE	WORK ASSIGN.	CRIME	SENTENCE
Gary Radi	21	Un-Assign.	Attempt. Mal. Destruct. of Per. Prop.	1 yr.



Having a legal advisor for the inmates would be a great idea, if the legal relations were to be apart from the prison staff. If the business carried on between the advisor and client is kept confidential, then I'm all for the idea. There are plenty of inmates seeking legal advice and as long as they are, they might as well be informed of it by someone qualified

to pass out the right information.

Movie star Victor Mature, famous for his many Biblical roles on the screen, was approached by a sweet young thing who said, "Mr. Mature, I saw you in Samson and Delilah, in Demetrius and the Gladiator, in Androcles and the Lion, and in The Robe. Now, I would like to ask you a question -- are you a religious fanatic or something?"

INDUSTRIES REPORT

The Montana State Prison Food Service Quarters including Bakery, Kitchen and Dining Hall of 352 seating capacity was erected and made operational during the fall of 1960. Previous to this date culinary duties were carried out in what might be called an antiquated building area, since remodeled to serve as a T. V. Room, Clothing Issue Department and Dormitory of 100 bed dimension. The relocation of food service headquarters, equipped with semi-modern cooking and baking facilities, has allowed for wider variety in nourishing meals at a minimum cost of 23.9 per serving. Management is under the experienced supervision of Mr. Donald Best. Assist-



ing in such responsibilities of food supply at both Rothe Hall, Ranches, Logging Site, Cow Camps and the prison proper is Mr. Don Deyott, Head Steward. Duty Officers are Jack Meagher and Leo Meagher.

Under authorized superintendence all food preparations are handled by competent inmate staffs rotating in eight hour shifts. Duty assignments start at 4:00 A.M. Crew #1 includes: Barney Rhodes-1st cook and native Montanan, Edenfield-2nd cook, Dyle-3rd cook with Ledesma and Bellowmini assistants. Crew #2 consists of: Lee Clark-1st cook via Mississippi and Texas, Jorgenson-2nd cook, Woodard-3rd cook and Ferderer-4th cook. Officers Chef on both day and night shifts are Dee Clark, Tollefson, Gleason and Wilcox. Officers dining room waiters include Dayon and Baulser. Ernie Nichols and Skomer are dishwashers for this particular section. Other inmates whose essential assignments contribute to the smooth functioning of kitchen operations are: Patneaude, Jones, Fire-



moon and Letz--Steam Washers, Berry and Jerry--Food Runners, Le Messurier and Wetzal-Pots and Pans, Perryman-Kitchen Runner, Harlotown Charlie-Tower Runner, Harstad and McNiel-Swampers, Hayes-Steam Pot, and Ballenger-Stidham--Coffee-Main Line. Richard Hicks is charged with store room supply and clerical duties.

Inmates Dunham, Moller, Krone, Kennedy, Huntsinger, Reich and Cooper are assigned to the vegetable crew. Occasional K.P. assistance is available. Their task includes furnishing kitchen requirements for 2000 pounds

of potatoes plus 1000 pounds of fresh vegetables weekly. Other basic items used during a seven day period, either as a main course or in the preparation of meals are: Milk-450 Gallons, Eggs-400 Dozen, Meat-1500 Pounds, Sugar-900 Pounds, Flour-2000 Pounds, Lard-500 Pounds, Bread-1440 Loaves, Coffee-220 Pounds, Canned Vegetables-25 Cases, Pudding & Pie Filling-240 Pounds, Cooked Cereals-100 Pounds and Dry Cereal-6 Cases of 24 Boxes each. In comparison to ratio of population, the above listed food allotment is unsurpassed among penal institutions over identical periods of time.

Perhaps the most congenial and conscientious group of inmates within the institution can be found at the prison Bakery department. They include: Bob Allread-1st Baker, Bastoni-2nd Baker, Rudd-3rd Baker, Burch-4th Baker and Barrow-5th Baker. Their work and efficiency in the baking of bread, rolls, pies, cakes and assorted pastries speaks for itself by the big demand from the inmate population as a whole. Rothe Hall, Ranches and Women's Quarters are supplied thru this department. All bakers work on a seven day a week basis.

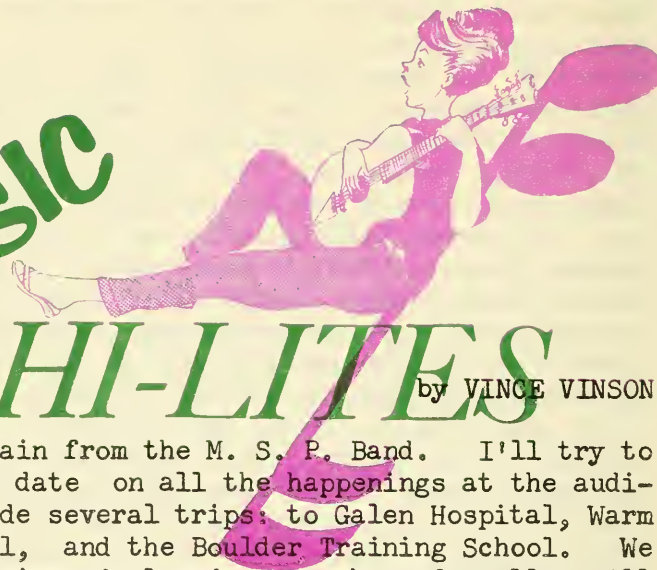
With Xmas Holidays drawing near, the inmate group and management of Montana State Prison Food Service Hdqs. wish to extend a very Merry Christmas to one and all.



MUSIC

HI-LITES

by VINCE VINSON



Hello once again from the M. S. P. Band. I'll try to bring you up to date on all the happenings at the auditorium. We made several trips: to Galen Hospital, Warm Springs Hospital, and the Boulder Training School. We tried to entertain and play dance numbers for all. All of the audiences were nice to play for, and all the people seemed to enjoy dancing to our music. Our thanks go out to all the nice people we met and played for, for helping to make these trips successful.

On November 14th, we had a very fine band in to play for and entertain all of us in M.S.P. A very fine Western group, "The Paul Harper Show," stopped on their way from Alaska to an engagement in Los Vegas. Our thanks go to our band director, Mr. Dan Little, for arranging for this group to come in.

On Sunday evening, November 28th, we played a variety show in the auditorium for the public. The program consisted of a variety of music. There were old standards, Latin, South of the Border, Dixie Land, Rock and Roll, Country, and Western tunes; and comedy skits interspersed throughout.

The band was honored to have in the audience "The Sun Valley Trio" from Sun Valley, Idaho. Mr. Little said that he hopes this fine, popular group will be able to appear for a program at M.S.P. in the near future. They are pictured with the band in the photograph with this article.

We had quite a large, very good audience at this variety show, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We only hope they enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed bringing it to



them.

Our thanks go to Warden Ed Ellsworth, Deputy Warden R. L. Dwight and, of course, to Mr. Little for making all of the above possible.

From all of us in the M.S.P. Band to all of you fellows here, and to all of you folks "out there," we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

PO-VAC

Po-Vac is the name coined by the MP Jaycees for the program they are sponsoring. The program is for Polio Vaccine, hence, PO-Vac.

Sugar lumps are being taken in the series, which when complete, will consist of 3 different administrations. The lumps are given approximately two months apart and the second in the series was given on November 30, 1965. There were 72 men taking the lumps last time but some of these will go out on parole or discharge before the next administration is given. "Any man who has had two lumps should take the third on the outside and keep in touch with his doctor," says Mrs. Neville, the institution's Nurse, "just in case they may need a booster."

The third in the series is to be given in the last of January or the first of February. If you have started your series, do not fail to complete it. No effort is expended and the life you save will be your own!!!

EULOGY

of a MAN

In respect and memory of:

TED RODRIQUEZ

Ted was a man that provided beauty to the eye by his culture and care of plants and flowers. "Rodney" could take any seed, and with Nature the Mother and God the Father, plant it in the earth -- and with his knowledge, nursing care, patience, and loving tenderness to the tiny plants (after germination had gone through its process) -- make it grow and blossom into a thing of beauty. His weeding out and pruning in the plants' growth of life made even a common pansy stand out as a thing of perfection.

He was the same way with his fellow man -- always willing to share; helpful and pleasant in all his transactions. He would give you the shirt from his back and the goodness from his heart to help you in any way that he could. He never asked or demanded much for himself, but was always willing to give of himself or his possessions to aid and help others. He was also this way with the administration, even when he was punished for various infractions. He seemed to be able to forget and forgive, and be able to turn the other cheek in times of distress.

"Rodney's" work in Leather-craft was also outstanding. He not only had the talent and ability; but also that extra touch and quality to express himself through his workmanship and craftsmanship.

I have had the personal experience of knowing this man

for eleven (11) years. I know and realize that I had a very close friend in Ted. He was a man who could be trusted and depended upon in any given situation -- and, believe me, through the years we had this relationship put to the test many times.

Ted has now departed from us -- but to all of us who remain -- we can point to the flowers and bushes around Rothe Hall and know in our hearts that his work, time, patience, and experience helped us to enjoy and look at something decent in place of weeds and rocks.

May God be with his family and friends in their time of bereavement, and may his soul and spirit be with the Lord.
-- Roy Brandt

LIFE BLOOD

For the past few years, the inmates have been donating blood for emergency use in the surrounding areas. This blood is drawn for specific cases. It is an institutional procedure, initiated by the following prison physicians: Dr. G. A. Anderson, Dr. F. L. Bertoglio, and Dr. L. M. Benjamin. Each time blood is needed for an emergency, the above doctors, themselves, donate the inmate \$10.00 for each pint of blood given.

Inmates of whom we have no records of blood types may contact the hospital. We will then type your blood and put your name on our donor list.

Many times in the past blood from the prison inmates has saved countless lives in this area alone. Gratitude has been expressed by the recipients or their families verbally, by correspondence, and the use of the air-ways.

Mrs. Virginia Neville, R. N.
Hospital Supervisor

Civil Defense

EDUCATION

The following men completed two different Civil Defense classes on November 9th & 10th, 1965:

James G. Davis
Windol Lee Helleson
Louie Charboneau
Norman Kane
Philip John Hawley
Wilson Guardipee
Albert C. Lundgren
Eddie Matte, Jr.
Don Bentley
Arnold Schmidt
Robert Walksontop
Abraham G. Townsend
Ambrose Dietrich

The first course was the 12-hour Civil Defense Adult Education Course in Individual, Family and Community Protection.

The second was the 15-hour Civil Defense Adult Education Instructor Training Course in Individual, Family, and Community Protection. The 15-hour course enables these men to teach Civil Defense to adults in the community.

For this two-day concentrated study the men received a Certificate of Completion from the State Department of Public Instruction, signed by Harriet Miller--the Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. C. Rylander--State Supervisor, Civil Defense Adult Education, and by J. W. Toner--the Instructor that came to the institution and taught the classes.

COMING

ATTRACTIONS

INSIDE

SHOW DATE:

TITLE:

- January 1 MAN'S FAVORITE SPORT (Color) 120 min.
Rock Hudson, Paula Prentiss
Would be comedy, with the Lady of Lonely
Hearts in the middle of a Rock!
- January 8 CAPTAIN NEWMAN, M. D. (Color) 126 min.
Eddie Albert, Tony Curtis
A hilarious comedy with the classic non-
chalance of Tony Curtis.
- January 15 HE RIDES TALL (B & W) 84 min.
Tony Young, Dan Duryea
A rip-roaring, rough and tumble Western with
all the flavor of the early cowboy days.
- January 22 THE BRASS BOTTLE (Color) 89 min.
Tony Randall, Burl Ives
Burl at his best with Tony looking for an-
other scene.
- January 29 OPERATION PETTICOAT (Color) 120 min.
Cary Grant, Tony Curtis
A Navy comedy with a petticoat pink subma-
rine and a load of wacky Wacs!

COMING

ATTRACTIONS

ROTHE HALL

SHOW DATE:

TITLE:

- January 1 ANNIE GET YOUR GUN (Color) 107 min.
Betty Hutton, Howard Keel
A rousing musical inspired by the life of a woman sharpshooter, Annie Oakley.
- January 8 BATTLE HYMN (Color) 111 min.
Rock Hudson, Dan Duryea
The true story of Colonel Dean Hess, clergyman turned fighter pilot; Korean scenes.
- January 15 BEYOND MOMBASA (Color) 90 min.
Cornel Wilde, Donna Reed
A spectacular safari plunges deep into the East African jungles; fascinating adventure.
- January 22 GUN FURY (Color) 98 min.
Rock Hudson, Donna Reed
A man of peace, Ben Warren, a Civil War veteran, is forced to violence in early Arizona.
- January 29 THE LAST FRONTIER (Color) 98 min.
Victor Mature, Anne Bancroft
The defenders of the last fort west of Laramie engage in a life or death struggle against the mighty Sioux.

JUDGES IN PRISON?

Can you imagine a convict who has never been in a courtroom? It is rather difficult to do so when you consider that we are in a democratic country and the documents, upon which our judicial system is based, all guarantee that we must have a fair trial and all rights related to it. One can certainly say that it is proper for a man to go to court before he is sent to prison. It would not, on the other hand, be proper if someone were to walk up to a judge and accuse John Doe of burglary, whereupon the judge said: "Thank you for your information. I hereby sentence John to five years in prison. Officer, go find John, whoever he is, and lock him up for five years." In other words, the judge should know who and why he is sentencing someone to prison. He must know that the man is guilty!

An almost exact antithesis of this situation is the point we shall attempt to cover. Can a judge sentence a man to prison with no knowledge of the prison he will be spending such and such an amount of time in, and do so fairly? Can he do so and thereby serve justice? Should not a judge have a first-hand knowledge of the prison: the penal system, situation and administration?

In the year 1963, Judge Jackson Liggit Greer was presiding over the Court of the 4444th Judicial District, State of Montana, County of Mysoola.

One John E. Doe was brought into the court and sworn in. Judge Greer read the information presented by the prosecutor and then read the charges to Mr. Doe.

"Mr. Doe, you have been charged with armed robbery,"

said the Judge, "and I would like to advise you of your rights." The Judge went on to enumerate all rights that John had and each was waived by John.

"You have been in trouble before, if your records are correct," Judge Greer commented, "and it seems you were placed on probation at that time. Now! It has been recommended by the prosecutor that you be sentenced to five years at hard labor. Under the circumstances and considering you will be eligible for parole in one year, I think five years is not too severe.

"You mentioned that you were interested in going on with your education, John, and this will afford you an excellent opportunity to do so. Since you realize your mistake and are eager to try to correct the situation, I am sure you can get along fine for one year. Go up with the idea you want to improve yourself, keep your nose clean, and you should not have any difficulty making a parole. I am not going to put a prior conviction on the charge sheet that will be sent to the prison. The only information reaching them will be that you were sentenced for one charge of armed robbery.

"I hereby sentence you to five years at hard labor."

John went to prison shortly thereafter and found vistas of a whole new world. A world, as John soon came to learn, that was so old it was new to him.

John was quite fortunate in his new world and was assigned to the school. He studied hard and learned fast; with the goal in mind that: "If I can just finish high school in this year, I will be able to go to college when this is all over." John did "keep his nose clean" that year and was able to finish high school.

The Parole Board was to meet that very afternoon and John knew all of his thoughts of the past year were to become a reality. Someone said, "Doe, John E. Doe," and the year was over.

He walked into the room and glanced around at the face of each man on the Board.

"Sit down," said one of the men, and John did so.

"What were you sent here for," asked another.

"For armed robbery, sir."

"And were you ever in trouble before, John?"

"Well, I a-a-a"

"You were in trouble before!"

"Yes, sir."

"In fact you were arrested for eight counts of strong-armed robbery in one state and seven counts of armed robbery in this state. Weren't you, John."

"Yes, sir, but you see, sir, it was only that I was arrested for these things. I did not commit all of them. In this state I was found guilty of one count of armed robbery and in the other, of one count of grand theft. The judge said these other things would not reach you people."

"They do reach us, however, because it is our job to see to it that the persons we parole are not going to be in any more trouble. If we grant a parole to just anyone that comes in here, we are not doing that job. You, John, do see that if your records are correct, and we can only assume they are, you have been in a lot of trouble and we would be taking a chance by paroling you. That will be all. We will let you know what we decide."

John did not make a parole then and, needless to say, he was very disillusioned because of this difference of opinion between the judge, the institution and the parole board.

They will, however, all have another chance, for at the end of five years John will be free and bitter. John will go back to that prison someday and I doubt that he will ever get the education he wants and needs to become a useful citizen.

The little story is true and mistakes like this are being made every day in our courts and institutions.

"What," you are probably asking yourself, "is the moral to this story?" Simply that the mistake could have been avoided if only Judge Greer (who is fictitious) was aware of the penal system in his state.

It is my contention that every judge in the state of Montana should visit Montana State Prison. (This, naturally, applies to the judges in other states and the prisons they sentence men to.) He should be aware of the conditions existing there; of the parole system; of the facilities for mental and medical treatment; and the most important thing is that he know the persons the new inmate will be exposed to.

Other people are of the same opinion. Here is one example:

"I feel that all judges and criminologists should spend some time in prison, incognito, as part of their qualifications for assuming the duties of judge or ex-

pert penologists."

These are the words of Judge Michael Angelo Musmanno as they were reported in the Insider, a federal prison paper. According to the report, Judge Musmanno sentenced himself to three days in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh soon after he was elected President Judge of Allegheny County Criminal Courts.

The Judge stated his reason for self-imprisonment as follows:

"I did not feel that I could assume the responsibility of what prison is, and what the atmosphere of the average penitentiary was likely to do to a man..."

After serving the three days, the judge said, "I think I learned more in the three days I spent in the Western Penitentiary than I did in the six weeks I spent at Harvard this summer. I now have a partial conception of how it feels to occupy a prison cell. It taught me more than all the books I could read or the lectures I could listen to."

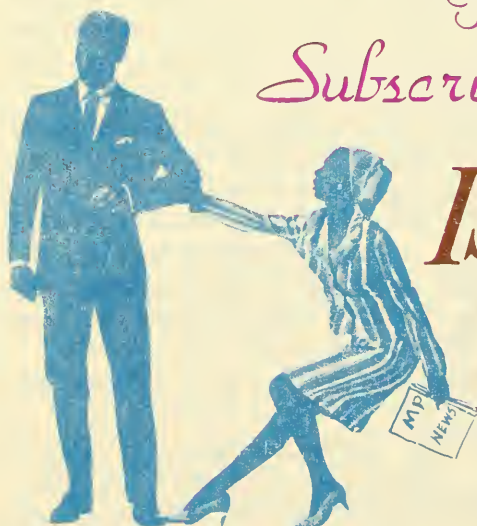
(The CRITERION)

The article sums up the point quite well. I do not, however, advocate that all judges sentence themselves to prison, but simply that they know the institution by the process of visiting it once or twice a year.

Let this, then, be a calling to all judges to visit and know the institution to which they sentence men.

"Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary."

—Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr



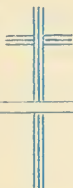
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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

At the time of this writing a strange thing is about to occur; millions of people are going to celebrate the birthday of one man. Many of these people who will pause to pay their respects by observing this day do not believe the traditional stories concerning this man. Why then do they, as well as we who count ourselves his followers, celebrate Christmas?

One Solitary Life

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a house. He never had a family. He

never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of his divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying -- and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life."

James A. Francis, 1796-1863

Why was this man so influential? Considering the facts of his daily life he appears to have lived a life of complete personal failure. The answer can only lie in his affect on the course of human history:

A Short History

"Christianity is the religion founded upon the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus sought to prepare his people for the coming Kingdom of God. Only those who repented of their sins and desired to do the will of God could enter this kingdom.

"The Old Testament prophets insisted upon right relationships and fair dealings among men, and Jesus emphasized these teachings. His own doctrines also called for all men to recognize the brotherhood of man, the love of God for all his creatures, and the

power and domination of the coming Kingdom in which people would do God's will and live in harmony. But the religious leaders of the day did not approve of Jesus and the Roman authorities thought that his teachings might cause trouble. Therefore he was crucified.

"Christianity spread very rapidly. The teachings of Christ united many races, classes, and religious beliefs into a brotherhood reaching from Persia to the Atlantic Ocean. Later it spread to America. Christianity is now taught in all the countries of the world, and has become the prevailing religion of the Western Hemisphere."

The Encyclopedia Britannica

To those of us who profess to be followers of this man, even to those of us in prison who believe in him, Christmas marks the event of God's acting in the course of human history by revealing himself in Jesus Christ -- by God becoming man through the birth of a man. Christmas is the proclamation that God loves us and that we ought to love one another. While many people who celebrate Christmas cannot or will not believe in the divinity of Jesus, they do believe in his message of love and

good will. Perhaps this is the most important point about Christmas. On Christmas we are often too busy thinking of other things than to remember the one who was born on this day. Each year at Christmas time let's put Christ and his message back into Christmas. Let's make it a real holiday ("a joyous holy day") by remembering its meaning. A belated MERRY CHRISTMAS! And a GOOD NEW YEAR too!

RULER OF PEACE

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulders, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

Isaiah 9:6,7

COLUMBUS DAY MEETING

On October 12th, Columbus Day, Rev. G. Ellwood Grissom, pastor of the Deer Lodge Assembly of God Church, came to our Brother-

hood meeting inside the walls. Brother Grissom was not only a guest, but also acted as sponsor for this meeting. He joined with the members in a good singspiration and presented a good Spirit-filled message. Brother Grissom was also one of the first pastors to present Bible-study classes inside the prison. He has never failed to present us with thought-provoking messages and lessons whenever he has been here. Thank you, Brother Grissom, for your witness to our common faith, and be sure to come again, real soon!

GOSPEL SINGER

On Thursday, October 28th, Tino Carrasco, Gospel Singer and evangelist from southern California, visited both inside the walls and at Rothe Hall. Tino gave his personal testimony concerning his own life of crime and dope addiction and how God entered his life, enabling him to get rid of the "monkey on his back" and eventually leading him to use his "God-given" voice to lead others to Christ. Tino carries on all of his evangelistic work by using the money he earns by selling Gospel Song records that he himself has recorded. The Brotherhood has acquired and enjoyed one of these recordings of sacred

songs, which are sung in both English and Spanish. Tino, we want you to come again!

VISITING GROUPS

We welcome religious groups from churches and colleges to our meetings. Our Brotherhood is designed for just such fellowship. However, all visiting groups must be men only -- in accordance with prison policy. If your group would like to attend one of our Brotherhood meetings, please write to:

Chaplain John E. Rex
Box 7
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

For faith, fun, and good fellowship come to our Brotherhood meetings:

Inside Unit-----Tuesdays
Rothe Hall Unit---Thursdays

6:00 P.M.

Visitors are always welcome!

NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES

On November 2nd, Rev. Philip Walborn, pastor of the Deer Lodge Presbyterian Church, sponsored the meeting of the Inside Brotherhood Unit. After singing several Gospel songs with

the fellowship, he presented a slide-film program complete with a recorded script on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States. A far clearer picture of the unity that Christians have when the different denominations choose to work together was gained by the showing of this film. Further increasing our understanding was the question and answer session Brother Walborn led following the film. The meaning of ecumenism and its problems and opportunities was presented. This became for us in the Brotherhood a clearer revelation of our oneness in Christ and our responsibility as Christians one to another. Thanks, Rev. Walborn. We needed and enjoyed this illustration of our common faith. We want you to come again; and we hope this will be in the not too distant future!

BETHLEHEM

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea,

to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Luke 2:1-7

METHODIST MINISTERS

Two Methodist ministers invaded the realms of the Inside Brotherhood on the evening of November 9th. Rev. Roger Robison of Christ Methodist Church and Rev. Bill Starling of the West Side Methodist Church (both from Great Falls) helped bring about a cracker-jack meeting. Together with President Noel Williams and Chaplain Rex, they formed a Gospel-quartet and presented the Inside Brotherhood with several specials; among them: "When He Calls Me," "Lonesome Valley" and "Spirit of the Living God." Both ministers presented brief testimony-messages. Vice President Vic Lerat also presented a powerful, Spirit-inspired testimony. Rev. Robison brought the meeting to its close by

having the members join in the singing of "Brother Van's Song." Its real name is "Harvest Time," but the singing of Rev. William Wesley Van Orsdel (Brother Van), an early Montana pioneer preacher, made it famous. Rev. Starling closed the meeting with prayer. There was no doubt about God's leading in this meeting. Gentlemen, come again; all of us in the Inside Brotherhood are looking forward to your return.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

O God our Father, who hast brought us again to the glad season when we commemorate the birth of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we too may sing with uplifted hearts, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Amen.

The Book of Worship

POWERFUL PREACHER

On November 23rd, Rev. Henry Parrish and Brother Hubert Croughan returned to the Inside Brotherhood to attend another of our meet-

ings. Brother Croughan gave a small booklet, "Personal Bible Verses," to each member. After a dynamic sing-spirational and several good testimonies, George Yelloweyes played a special, "It Is No Secret," on a harmonica loaned by Chaplain Rex. Brother Parrish brought a message, "What Our Heavenly Father Is Really Like," based on Luke 15:11-32, "The Parable of the Two Sons," better known as "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." Brother Parrish pointed out that everyone must "come to himself" and realize the need to come to a living person for his salvation, "for it is only by receiving Jesus Christ into our lives that we become Christians." Brother Parrish and Brother Croughan, again we urge you to come back soon; your witness is certainly appreciated.

SHEPHERDS

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great

joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!'

"When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

Luke 2:8-20

SHADOW OF THE BOOMERANG

On Thanksgiving Day, in

the morning of November 25th, the cell house was almost, although not quite, evacuated as the great majority of the men attended, of all things, a "religious Western." Almost as many men attended the movie as usually attend the boxing matches here.

"Starring vivacious Georgia Lee and television's Buffalo Bill, Jr., Dick Jones, 'SHADOW OF THE BOOMERANG' is an outdoor action picture with all of the excitement and breath-taking scope of the land, 'Down Under.' Setting for the screen drama is Australia's 'Outback,' the continent's vast interior region where some of the world's largest cattle stations are located.

"The two young Americans head an All-Australian supporting cast, playing brother and sister roles in a turbulent story of homestead life. Their arrival in Australia to manage newly acquired family holdings plunges the couple into strange surroundings and situations with which they find it difficult to cope. The brother is immature and impetuous, slow to accept Australian ways. His sister is much more democratic, readily accepted by her new friends with whom she joins in an attempt to instill understanding and tolerance

in her brother.

"Filmed against the backdrop of the Billy Graham Australian Crusades, 'SHADOW OF THE BOOMERANG' seeks to underline the Godly reaction to human crises and conflicts. Spokesman for the Christian position is Billy Graham, seen in dramatic Crusade footage photographed at the site of the Evangelist's record-breaking crowds in Melbourne and Sydney. An authentic landline relay meeting which shared the big city Crusades with the stockmen of the 'Outback,' is used as an effective dramatic device in the story climax."

The movie was shown both inside the walls and at Rothe Hall in lieu of the traditional Protestant Thanksgiving service; and for arranging for its showing here our thanks go to Chaplain John E. Rex and Mr. Robert Pymn (of World Wide Pictures, exclusive distributors of Billy Graham films), representing the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

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HOW TO BE UNPOPULAR

On November 30th, Rev. George Harper (senior pastor) and Rev. Bob Lind (associate pastor) of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Helena visited the Inside

Brotherhood and presented one of the better programs of the year. Rev. Lind read accounts of the healing of a paralytic and the calling of the tax collector Matthew by Jesus (Matthew 9:1-13), revealing how Jesus became quite unpopular with some people by doing good, "For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Leonard Riech, one of our members, then sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," accompanying himself on a guitar. Rev. George Harper continued the program by splitting the men up into "buzz groups" to list traits that make people unpopular. Upon calling the groups back into the main session these traits were listed and discussed; such as, "arguing" -- "The other fellow argues; you just state the facts"; "lying" -- "It takes a smart man to be a good liar; he has so much to remember -- to whom he lied, where, why, etc." And you can even be unpopular by being a Christian -- "an awful lot de-

pends on how you go about it." Rev. Harper summed up that we all do unpopular things from time to time, and Lennie closed the meeting by singing "It is No Secret."

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Everliving God, by whose mercy we have come to the gateway of another year: Grant that we may enter it with humble and grateful hearts; and confirm our resolution, we beseech thee, to walk more closely in thy way, and labor more faithfully in thy service, according to the teaching and example of thy Son our Lord. Let not the errors and offenses of the past cling to us, but pardon and set us free, that with purer purpose and a better hope we may renew our vows in thy presence, and set forth under the guidance of thy Spirit, to travel in the path which shineth more and more unto the perfect day of thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

The Book of Worship

BROTHERHOOD NEWSLETTER POLICY

As the Brotherhood is a Christian fellowship club and as such does not represent all of the religious activities within the prison, the Brotherhood Newsletter carries only the religious news that concerns the Brotherhood and/or its members. Any religious news not pertaining to the Brotherhood and/or its members will be submitted to the M. P. News editor by Chaplain John E. Rex or Father Malacha Beatty.

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DISTRICT #3

December 3rd saw an orientation ceremony like no other before it. It turned out to be a grievance meeting. Many complaints were aired and some suggestions made that I think will help to get the M.P. Jaycees on their feet. Gil McGilky from Missoula took an ear beating from the M.P. members and for this we apologize profusely, as it wasn't Gils fault that things had come unwound at the prison, rather it was our fault. But any way I think that things will work out now that they are out in the open.

Everyone concerned felt that the M.P. Jaycees needed an inmate-civilian council if for no other reason than for the sake of communications. To tell the truth we also need the advice of people who have the full perspective that goes with the free world. Inmates tend to lose their perspective and become stale from lack of exposure to new, divergent ideas. Togetherness is nice but it's overdone here. This kind of togetherness has an opiate effect.

It was brought out at this "conference" that perhaps our attitude had something to do with the clubs decline. This is not only possible but very probable. Apathy and complacency are fertile mates. The prolific union of these two great destroyers produces a monster that is no respecter of persons, clubs or creeds.



Plans are well underway on the forthcoming D.S.A. Awards. The Warden, Mr. Ellsworth, has stated that he will declare January 17th through the 23rd as Jaycee week at M.S.P. The selection of judges has been completed. Three are inmates and two are civilians. I am sure that they will do a good job of judging.

This years awards include the Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Educator Award, Outstanding Boss Award, and Jaycee of the Year Award.

The awards program will take place on Sunday, the 23rd of January, starting at 1:30 P.M. It has been confirmed that Mr. Floyd Green, Director of Institutions, will be a guest speaker.

Refreshments in the form of coffee and cake will be served.

The winners of the D.S.A. Awards will be presented with plaques, these plaques are being engraved at a Deer Lodge Jewelers and should be very nice.

Last years winner of the D.S.A. Award was Carroll Ebeltoft. The winner of the Outstanding Jaycee Award was Joe Lucas.

LARUEL

Laruel sent a sample of their big money making project to the M.P. Jaycees. I don't think it will last very long though. It was a sample of the Fruit Cake that they have been so successful in selling this year. Thanks a million fellas. It won't go to waste.

POVAC

The seconded stage of project POVAC has been completed and we are ready for the third batch of vaccine which will be delivered in January. Special thanks again go to the prison hospital for the swift completion of extra work.

THE RIGHT TO SERVE

A letter from an "Irate Mother" whose son was serving in Viet Nam complained that, while undesirables were laughing at the draft laws, her son and other young Americans had to serve and die in the war.

In answer to this letter the lady columnist involved, said that the reason for this was that ex-convicts had "lost the privilege of serving their country, that serving one's country was a privilege." The lady columnist that wrote the answer to this mother has been most kind in her past appraisals of institutionalized people. She is not to be blamed for condoning the mother's letter in this instance. On the surface of the issue, both Mother and Columnist are right. But this is not all of the story, ladies, and your attitude is symptomatic of one of the greatest crimes of our day and age. In apathy, you breed that which you condemn. By inaction, you give your seal of approval to the label "undesirable".

There are many men in prison who have long ago fulfilled the obligation that the mother's son is now paying. I myself spent a solid year in the mud and filth of Korea. The man who sleeps in the bed next to mine is doing ten years for a bad check; he was a prisoner of the Germans during World War II. He was captured after parachuting into France during the invasion. He has a wife and three children as well as a mother who is still proud of the star that hung in her window. A prison has a lot of men in it who were taking advantage of their "privilege" so that the mother who wrote the letter could go to high school in peace and comfort, could have dates with her boy friend, could get married and bear the son that she is so rightfully concerned about. These privileges were bought for her at a price. Hers is the debt that each generation owes to its predecessor.

True, the man in prison has broken the law and for this he is paying and paying dearly. If you owe your grocer a bill and you pay this bill, what would be your reaction if, every time that grocer saw you, he reminded you that you had at one time owed him money and he would never forget it, even though you had paid him?

Suppose that you were upset about something and in a moment of emotion, struck out at a friend. You are sorry and you apologize. In this particular instance you have paid in remorse and with the verbal proof of an apology. In short, you have paid. An ex-convict and his family never stop paying for his mistake. In addition, he and they are undesirable. Who asks why or what can be done to help this person to keep from repeating this mistake? Granted there are those who want no help. They like being what they are and will never change; this is their business. There are those who do not like the "undesirables" of this world that they are forced to live with. This is your business, or should be. For each man in prison there is a different personality, a different reason why, a different answer to the question that is never asked, or if asked, soon forgotten in the rush for self.

Prisons are full of first offenders who will go out into the world as "undesirables" because they lack something that the average person is born with. They will be forced to react in the same way that you would react. Young men who have a lifetime ahead of them are told to take the mantle of undesirability and make good or else. No one is surprised when they fail and are hustled back to prison.

There are many young men in prison today who would serve their country gladly if only this mighty country of ours would forgive them their past and present them with a future they could be proud of rather than a future as a pariah. Would you rather spend \$10.00 to cure a cancer or \$1,000.00 to build a place where cancer victims will be out of sight and out of mind?

There is a difference between losing something and having something taken away from you. The question here is in the zone of social darkness where no light has yet penetrated. The answer lies in the twilight zone of the New Frontier and the Great Society. It is a political hot potato and only a pioneer can make his way through the thorny hedges of made up minds.

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Operation Help

Operation Help is doing very well for itself and we are hoping that it will continue to do so. Men are going out on the Jaycee help plan. Men who would still be doing dead time were it not for some real swell people on the streets.

Visitors

Among the visitors gracing the august halls of old M.S.P. have been the following friends of ours: Vern Pomeroy and Bill Hover of Deer Lodge. Vern talked on several subjects, all concerned with the betterment of the M.P. Chapter. Vern also took the editor of the Jaycee NEWSLETTER to task for saying that the M.P. Jaycees were unique in the last NEWSLETTER. And to think that all this time I was so smug because I thought we were different. I finally got Vern to admit one thing though; He said that his wife thought that the last edition of the Jaycee NEWSLETTER was the best one that had come out so far, then he mumbled something that sounded like, "and around our house what she says is right." Anyway Vern, thanks for coming. I think things are beginning to look up for the M.P. Jaycees.

Religious Affairs

We are printing up letters for Spanish Fork Jaycees who are going all out on a project that we voted in at our December 20th meeting. Victor LeRat, religious affairs chairman put a motion on the floor at the Dec. 13th meeting to have at least one Sunday out of the month designated as Jaycee Sunday. This motion was un-

fortunately misunderstood and construed to mean that one meeting each month be devoted to religion. As a result, it died on the floor. However, "old never say die Vic" brought the motion before the club again this week and it was passed with a very good majority. Nice work Vic.



D.S.A.

Preston Davis was appointed as the chairman of the D.S.A. for 1965. Plans are coming along very well for the Awards. Mr. Floyd A. Green, the new Director of Institutions for the state of Montana will be the key-speaker for the affair. The awards will be held on the 23rd of January. Included this year in the awards will be, The Outstanding Inmate of the Year; Outstanding Educator of the Year and the Outstanding Boss of 1965.

Also to be honored is the man who is chosen as Jaycee of the Year. Mr. Ed Ellsworth, Warden of the Montana State Prison, will be one of the main speakers.

Nominations are starting to come in at a fast pace and things are starting to take shape. Mr. Little has assured me of the Music Department's cooperation. This should be a good awards program this year.

This years program was scheduled so that we might have a better attendance and so that it would not conflict with the program at Deer Lodge. We hope that all Jaycees in our district will visit us during our Jaycee Week.

The man who wins the DSA Award at the prison will be a man who has fought an uphill battle all of the way. He will be a man who has worked hard to improve not only himself but one who has worked for the betterment of conditions for his fellow inmates.

Chairman of the Month



Wilbur Ventling, devoted and enthusiastic member of the M.P. Jaycees was elected Chairman of the Month for the month of November. Ventling was given this award for the outstanding directing job he did as chairman of the TOYM presentation which was held here in November.

Ventling has been a member for quite some time; is an active member and has shown great capability for leadership.

Once again, on behalf of the club, we welcome you to the ranks of Outstanding Jaycees.

COMPUTING CONVICTS - Twenty-three hand-picked convicts at the Atlanta federal penitentiary are now being taught computer programming with the result that they may be able to hold down \$20,000-a-year jobs when paroled. This is a far cry from the punishment days of 60 years ago when it was considered dangerous policy to teach a criminal to read or write. The specially selected 23 are the first in a new federal program designed to send prisoners out into the world better equipped to handle modern jobs. The large electronics firm providing the prison with a teacher and a computer says it may even give some of the convicts jobs later. There's a national shortage of about 100,000 computer programmers at present. From Family Weekly 1-2-66

Jaycee of the Month



For the month of November, Lawrence 'Buster' Morran has been selected our outstanding Jaycee.

'Buster' as he is known to all of us, is an honorary member of our chapter. Buster has been associated with the club since it was chartered. His youthful vigor and enthusiasm has been a constant asset to our many programs.

Buster's projects are the outstanding ones of the chapter. Recently, he set up and successfully carried out an outstanding evening of Speak Up. This Speaking Meet, which was held in the Clark theater here at the prison was attended by many outside people who participated in the program that evening. Buster's hard, loyal work to our printing program is greatly appreciated. His thorough and well planned course of action in this project has enabled the chapter to earn money from time to time. His printing work is excellent and an asset to the good name of our chapter.

We take our hats off to Buster and we realize that his contributions to the chapter earn him the well deserved recognition of Jaycee of the Month.

MOUNT POWELL GAVEL CLUB



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On October 28th, the Mount Powell Toastmasters Gavel Club 141 held its quarterly election. Every officer elected except for the President, who received all but three votes of the club's membership, received unanimous decisions. Elected to office were:

President-----Don Tollefson
Ed. V. P.----Dennis Sullivan
Ad. V. P.----Robert Stewart
Secretary-----Larry Dewey
Treasurer----Joseph Parmley
Sgt.-at-Arms----P. L. Davis
Parliamentarian-John DeHaan
Balloteer-----Robert Veach

On November 4th, Mr. Gordon Faulds, our club Counsellor, introduced Mr. Neal Mandelko, the new Director

of the Montana State Prison Social Service Department, who installed the new club officers.

Due to the resignation of Mr. John DeHaan as Parliamentarian, in order for him to transfer to Rothe Hall, President Tollefson appointed Mr. Lawrence Morran to fill the vacancy.

Another new office was created to be cooperative with the position of Counsellor. Mr. Neal Mandelko was elected unanimously on November 18th to the permanent position of Co-Counsellor.

THANKSGIVING EVE SPEAK-OFF

On November 24th, Thanksgiving Eve, the Mount Powell Toastmasters Gavel Club 141 held its quarterly run-off of weekly winners. The Toastmaster of the evening, Mr. Robert Stewart, intro-

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duced the Main Speakers:

Mr. Joseph Warf spoke on "Our Living Constitution."

Mr. Preston L. Davis spoke on "Unknown Worlds."

The subject of Mr. Lawrence Morran's speech was "Freedom Under God."

Mr. Robert Veach described the hard fought "Beginning of Glory" in World War II.

Mr. Don Tollefson gave a possible solution to the problem of "The Criminal and His Society."

Toastmaster Stewart then relinquished the podium to the Table Topics Master of the evening, Mr. Charles McGrath. Mr. McGrath introduced the topic speakers, assigning as follows:

Mr. Robert Veach--"Morality is moral only when voluntary."

Mr. Preston L. Davis--"Time on earth is not our own."

Mr. Joseph Warf--"How to use time."

Mr. Larry Dewey--"Death is less to be feared than nothing."

Mr. Don Tollefson--"Beliefs of others."

Mr. Dennis Sullivan--"Life and how you prepare for it."

The judges for the evening, Mr. B.C. Miles--Director of Education for MSP, Rev. John E. Rex--Protestant Chaplain, and Mr. Neal Mangello, our Co-Counsellor, gave the results as:

MAIN SPEECHES--Mr. Robert

Veach was first and received a blue and gold Gavel Club pin and a spontaneous standing ovation: Mr. Don Tollefson placed second; and Mr. Joseph Warf placed third.

TABLE TOPICS--Mr. Larry Dewey placed first; Mr. Preston L. Davis placed second; and Mr. Don Tollefson placed third.

MOUNT POWELL DISTRICT 17
ANNIVERSARY SPEAK-OFF

On December 3rd, the Mount Powell Toastmasters Gavel Club 141 sponsored a District 17 Speak-Off to celebrate the club's anniversary. Five clubs competed with our Mount Powell Gavel Club: the Butte Toastmasters, the Helena Toastmasters, the Deer Lodge Toastmasters, the Deer Lodge Jaycees, and the MP Jaycees.

President Don Tollefson introduced Deputy Warden R. L. Dwight, who welcomed our guests, revealing the decrease in the prison population compared with last year, the decrease in Montana's crime rate while the nation's rose, and the part the Mount Powell Toastmasters and the MP Jaycees play in the prison's rehabilitation program.

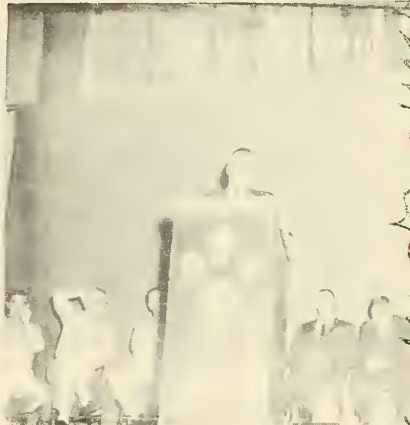
The Toastmaster of the evening, Mr. Dennis Sullivan, (our Educational Vice President) then introduced

these Main Speakers:

Mr. Remi Montforton, a Butte Toastmaster, who spoke on Viet Nam, asking "Why are we there?" (No picture)



Mr. Preston L. Davis, Secretary of the MP Jaycees and former Sergeant-at-Arms of the Mount Powell Toastmasters, who spoke on "The Key to Freedom." (No pict)



Mr. Don Tollefson, our President and an MP Jaycee, who spoke on "Rehabilitation."



Mr. Jim Towey, a Butte Toastmaster, who gave a candid and amusing portrayal of Methuselah as a "Senior Senior-Citizen."



Mr. Herb Hunt, a Deer Lodge Jaycee, who made a startling "Discovery."

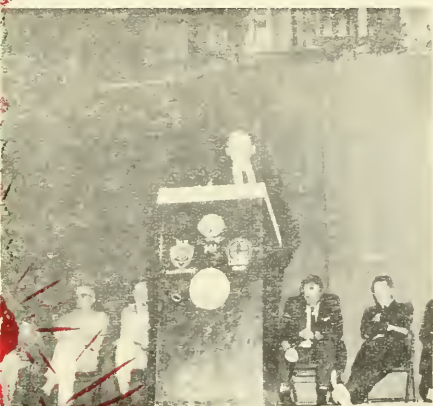
Mr. Tom Beck, a Deer Lodge Jaycee, who spoke on the "Jaycee Creed."

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Mr. Lawrence Morran, a Mount Powell Toastmaster and Speak-Up Chairman of the MP Jaycees, who spoke on the problem of "High School Drop-Outs."

Mr. Robert Veach, Balloteer of our club, who spoke on his experiences in World War II in a speech entitled "For Each 'P.O.W.'"



Mr. John Cadby, a Helena Toastmaster, who spoke on "Economics for Boys and Girls."

Mr. Levi Loss, a Helena Toastmaster, who gave one of the most humorous of the speeches of the evening, "Mr. Levi Learns Golf."

Mr. John Cadby, acting as Table Topics Master, then called on:



Mr. Bob Henry, a Butte Toastmaster, to tell why banks are always the most modern and outstanding buildings in the community.

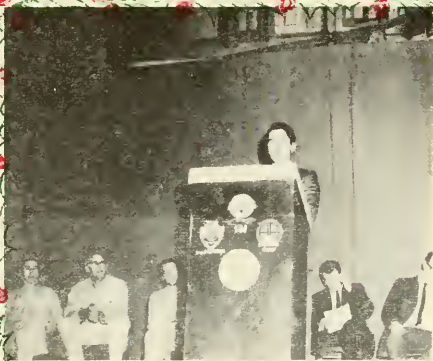
Mr. Ed Solomon, a Butte Toastmaster, to tell why he thinks Mr. Metcalf gives Montana Power a bad time.

Mr. Dave Brown, a Helena Toastmaster, to tell why he thinks the weather is better in Montana than in Spokane. (No picture)



Mr. Larry Dewey, Secretary of our club, to speak on "Do you like Montana?"

Mr. Vic Lerat, a member of the MP Jaycees and of Mount Powell Toastmasters, to tell whether or not he would like to be an astronaut in space.



Mr. Noel Rosetta, a Helena Toastmaster and a forest ranger, to tell how it feels to parachute as a smoke-jumper into a forest fire.

Mr. Willard Hansen, an MP Jaycee, to tell whether there will be a third World War, and why. (No picture)

Deer Lodge, Helena, and Butte each contributed a judge for the evening. Their results showed:

MAIN SPEECHES--Mr. Jim Towey placed first; Mr. Levi Loss placed second; and Mr. Remi Montforton placed third.

TABLE TOPICS--Mr. Len Kautz placed first; Mr. Noel Rosetta and Mr. Larry Dewey tied for second; and Mr. Bob Henry placed third.

There were many fine comments concerning the speakers, the material of their speeches, and their delivery from the podium. Our Educational Vice President, Mr. Dennis Sullivan, expressed the view of our club when he stated:

Mr. Dennis Sullivan, our Educational Vice President and an MP Jaycee, to tell what he thinks is the most important thing in speaking.

Mr. Len Kautz, a Butte Toastmaster, to tell where he picked up the expression "How About That!" (No pict.)

"It is the hope of our club that the splendid speakers present at the December 3rd Annual Speak-Off will return soon, and often. They all proved to be past masters of the art of speaking, and it is our opinion that they can teach us a great deal. Their speeches ran from the hilarious to the very solemn. It was quite evident that the speeches were original and all delivered in an excellent manner.

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks and an invitation to one and all to attend our weekly meetings. Our meetings are held on Thursday evenings, beginning

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at 6:00 P.M. I am sure that you will find our meetings both interesting and educational."

Gentlemen, we ask you to COMPETE WITH US AGAIN! We enjoyed this Speak-Off and look forward to more competition from you!

TESTING YOUR SPEECH

"The purpose of every speech which has a purpose is to produce some sort of reaction on the part of the audience. A speech without a purpose does not deserve a hearing.

"The final test of a speech is "Did it accomplish its purpose?" If it did, it was a good speech, though it may have violated all the rules. If it did not, it was not a successful speech, though couched in the purest language and delivered in harmony with all the mechanical principles of oratory.

"The experienced speaker can usually interpret the audience reaction as to general results. He knows whether the people listen with attention and whether they respond to his appeal by vote, action or otherwise. But even the most experienced speaker cannot judge in detail the elements of his speech which make it go over or fail.

"This is why the speaker

needs the help of a friendly, frank, intelligent critic. Such a critic need not be an expert in the speech art. It is really better for him to be just an ordinary listener, but one with the ability to listen analytically to what is said. He is more truly representative of the average listening audience.

"He knows that the speaker enjoys compliments, and so he gives such complimentary comments as are deserved. But he knows further that the speaker needs to know his weaknesses, and how to improve, so he does not pull punches. He tries to say honestly just how the speech impressed him, and how it could have been made more effectively impressive.

"The speaker needs frequently to test his talks by means of frank honest comments which take in the bad as well as the good. He may shrink from adverse criticism, but it is the medicine by which he can cure his speech faults.

"Every speaker, even the best, falls unconsciously into bad habits of speech which he will never discover for himself, unaided. Some of these habits are quite unknown to him. Some of the others may not have occurred to him as being objectionable. When they are pointed out, he can

readily contact them, to his own improvement.

"If he is worthy of help he will welcome the suggestions."

WHY?

"Why?" is the constant theme of a critic.

"Why did I listen to that speech?" he asks himself.

"Why did I lose the thread of thought?"

"Why was I convinced by what the speaker said?"

"Why did I like his voice?"

"Why did he make me nervous?"

"Why don't I want to listen to him again?"

"Why can't I follow his line of thought?"

"Why didn't he tell us what he wants us to do about it?"

"Why on earth did I let myself get roped in to act as critic?"

"There is a reason for everything, even for a poor speech. It is the critic's business to ask all the why's and try to find the answers. If he can get the right answers and then give them to the speaker, it will be good for both of them.

"But if the critic merely points out a fault, as he sees it, states that it is wrong, and gives no reason

for his judgment, he will give the speaker very little help. There must be a reason!

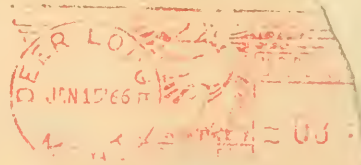
SPEECH EVALUATION

One of the basic themes for the month of December was speech evaluation. To be a constructive critic is every Toastmaster's responsibility. Only by being good critics can we hope to improve on our own speeches. So, this is one part of our program we dare not shirk; but if we make honest evaluations of our own speeches we can and will reach new heights in our goals towards becoming better speakers and better Toastmasters!

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Once again it is time for us to send you our Christmas and New Year's Greetings. At this joyous season when all the world celebrates the birth of the greatest speaker of all times and as we look forward with expectancy to a new (and better, we hope) year, we of the Mount Powell Toastmasters Gavel Club 141 are looking back on one of our club's most hectic, and yet, one of our better, years. We hope the past year has been a good one for you as well and the future one is even better!

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